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## LONG WAR WILL FORCE FEDERAL POOLING OF COAL

**Administrator Garfield Says Government Will Have to Sell Output at Reasonable Prices if War Continues Much Longer.**

**Tells Investigators Coal Causes Half of Railroad Congestion, Especially at "Bottle-Neck" Points.**

**Testifies He Knows Operators Make Big Profits, but Thinks It Necessary to Stimulate Production.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the Senate Investigating Committee today that if the war continued very long the Government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable prices. Some coal operators, he said, were making the greatest profits in their history, but he considered high prices a stimulus to the great production the war demands.**

The Fuel Administrator said he saw little relief in prospect for the railroads until their operation was centralized.

War demands for bituminous coal have been greater than mines could meet, although the increase of production has been normal, Fuel Administrator Garfield testified. In an effort to alleviate conditions, he said, the fuel administration was laying emphasis on stimulating production rather than regulating prices.

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## SOLDIERS TO REPORT IN TAXIS

**Unable to Get Trains They Start 232-Mile Trip to Camp in Autos.**

**QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 26.—Barred from the railroad trains because of congestion in passenger traffic, 13 national army soldiers boarded four taxicabs here today for the return trip of 232 miles to Camp Dodge.**

Their furlough expires tomorrow and they expect to make the trip in time to report present on time.

## Tax Values on County Corporations Increased From 100 to 900 Per Cent

**Special Agent's Recommendations Accepted by State—Wagner Electric Assessed at \$2,860,390 Instead of \$315,390.**

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—The State Tax Commission, today, approved the recommendations of J. F. Harrison, special tax agent, of incorporation property in St. Louis county, in which the assessed valuation of the property of large private concerns and public utility corporations is increased from 100 to 900 per cent.

Harrison's recommendation of the valuation of the West St. Louis Water and Light Company has not yet been made, but he will recommend an increase for that company of more than 750 per cent or 75 times its present assessed valuation.

**Wagner Company's Big Increase.**

The assessment of the Wagner Electric Mfg. Co.'s, as fixed by the tax commission's approval, is \$2,860,390.20. The 1916 assessment of the same company was \$315,390, or less than one-eighth of the new assessment.

The assessed valuation of the West St. Louis Water and Light Company last year was \$22,190. The tax commission finds that the public service commission placed an official valuation of \$1,625,000 on the property and a new assessment of \$1,625,000.

**AMERICAN WOMEN ASKED NOT TO 'ADOPT' SOLDIERS OVERSEAS**

Mails to France Are Congested and Men Are Forbidden to Correspond with Strangers.

By Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, Dec. 24.—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women in "adopting" individual soldiers in France for the period of the war.

The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and the result is delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover, the censorship regulation forbids the men to correspond with strangers and as a rule is being enforced rigidly; it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting men here in an embarrassing position, as they feel under obligation to answer such communications.

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"It is the sense of this committee that, with the cold season now on the usual routine shall be suspended as to this matter and that the commanding officers of the several camps shall be directed, if this is the quickest way, to buy these articles at the nearest points to their camps at which they can be obtained, so that our soldiers may be supplied as soon as possible."

**Where the Shortages Are.**

The clothing situation was discussed by the committee in executive session. Senator McCallar submitting details of replies he had received from camp commanders.

The reported overcoat shortages in the national army camps reported to Senator McCallar, Camp Shelby and Beauregard, which were said to be deficient 8,000 and 11,140 respectively. In heavy blouses the reported shortages were at the following camps: Shelby, 5,000; Kenney, 13,900; Dix, 3,200; Jackson, 12,000 (estimated); Custer, 4,500, and Beauregard, 2,400.

Camps reported adequately sup-

plied with overcoats and blouses were Hancock, Houston, Hempstead, Devon, McArthur and Lee.

Commandants of other camps in reply referred him to the War Department.

Major-General John F. O'Ryan,

commander of the national army

cantonment at Camp Wadsworth,

Spartanburg, S. C., who recently re-

turned from the European front, told the committee he witnessed two im-

portant allied drives and that in

the theater the German artillery was much inferior.

The committee closed its doors to bear Gen. O'Ryan's statement re-

garding the American expedition

abroad. His statement regarding sufficiency of rifle and other ordnance equipment, clothing and other supplies of Gen. Pershing's forces, the committee felt, should not be made public.

**Crozier Gives Out Letter.**

Major-General Crozier, Chief

of Ordnance, last night made

public a letter he had written

Federal Judge Hand of New

York, who presided at the trial there

in June, 1916, of Hans Tauscher,

former Krupp agent, accused of con-

spiracy in the plot to blow up the

Weiland Canal. In the letter which

was written months before the

United States went to war with Ger-

many, Gen. Crozier informed Judge

Hand that he had known Tauscher

for 10 years or more and "always

had been impressed with the integ-

rity, with the reliability of his per-

sonal character."

Gen. Crozier's letter stated he

would be willing to testify to that ef-

fect in person at Tauscher's trial,

but that he was unable to leave his

post in Washington.

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## AMERICAN SANTA IN AIRPLANE VISITS FRENCH CHILDREN

Swoops Down From Clouds Dripping White With Snow, With Pack on His Back.

By Associated Press.  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Tuesday, Dec. 25.—The American expeditionary force in France celebrated Christmas in a howling snowstorm, which rolled in from the mountains in the early hours, contained all day and showed no signs of abating today. Despite the difficulties due to the storm few features of any program were cancelled, for most of the festivities were held indoors.

Even the celebration at the quarters of the American air squadron was carried out although a blinding snow swirl into the hangar where a tree had been erected for the children of a near by village. There Santa swooped down from clouds dripping white and with a pack on his back stepped from an airplane. His goggles, cap, red suit and sack were dusted heavily with snowflakes, much to the delight of about 100 small children who huddled within the shelter of the hangar.

It is doubtful that children anywhere had ever seen such a sight before. The young ones had gathered at the entrance. There was a whirr of engines over the children's heads and an airplane dropped to the snow-covered field before them.

Cohen had in his pockets receipts for sums aggregating \$100,000, notes for \$1,000, a life insurance policy and \$11 in cash. A police report said that "certificates" for \$30,000 were found, but investigation showed that the "certificates" was an insurance policy numbered "300,135."

The resolution says:

"It appearing to the committee from unquestioned proof adduced before it that many enlisted men in Camp Wheeler, Shelby, Kearny, Dix

## BOLSHEVIKI POWER WANES, PETROGRAD DISPATCHES SHOW

Authority Lacking, Drunkenness Increases and Soldiers Show Strong Antipathy to Fighting.

### SOME CITIES CAPTURED

Suggested That Letter Telling of Francis' Alleged Offer of Advance to Red Cross Was Forgery.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional assertions in Petrograd dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviks was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all make the point, in one form or another, that defection from the Workmen's and Soldiers' organization is growing constantly.

Among causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

The correspondents cite instances of Bolsheviks' troops retreating to march, continuing to attack the Ukrainians and permitting the Cosacks to disarm them without resistance. Fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing or intend to do. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the Red Guard, but this former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainians and the Red Guard is largely untrained. It is reported, therefore, that war against the Ukraine probably will not materialize on any serious scale.

**Bolshevik Opposition Grows.**  
Bolshevik leaders, the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says, appear to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure while the correspondent of the Daily News says,

"There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviks among all classes. Men who formerly supported are turning against them and 'German hirshlings' is a common term of denunciation. There is much talk of meeting the present reign of terror with counter measures and bomb throwing is freely suggested as the only method of exerting pressure on the Bolsheviks. This is not merely idle talk as those who say it are those who already have thrown bombs."

Reports of civil war activities, however, continue to be received. The Bolshevik Government declares definitely that the troops have captured Kharkov, Nicolsk and are threatening the Ukrainian capital on Odessa. The Cosacks report the strengthening of their hold on the Donets basin. None of the reports, however, is more precise than recent reports of a similar nature. In the meantime, nothing more is heard of the efforts at reconciliation between the Bolsheviks and the Ukrainians.

**Demands for the Assembly.**

Interests in the convening of the constituent assembly is said to have awakened remarkably and demands for its convocation are being made, it is reported, even by the most ignorant classes, and also by the troops of the Petrograd garrison.

It appears that the Bolshevik commissioners are trying, although vainly, to shift some of the discredited military units from the capital. A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Praobrashensky regiment has declared its disbelief in the intention of the Bolshevik Government to open the constituent assembly and has refused to relinquish guard of the Tauride palace until the assembly meets.

In consequence of the postponement of the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, because the Germans were not ready to reply to the Russian terms, the Russian delegations are reported to be returning to Petrograd, where apparently they are expected to await the arrival of the delegation from the enemy. Powers which is to participate in a conference for discussion of the political aspects of an eventual peace conference.

Various explanations are offered in Petrograd dispatches of the purpose of German concentration of troops in the southwest. One suggestion is that part of these forces will be sent to Asia Minor. It is predicted a large force will be retained in the southwest to assist possession of the valuable Russian provinces.

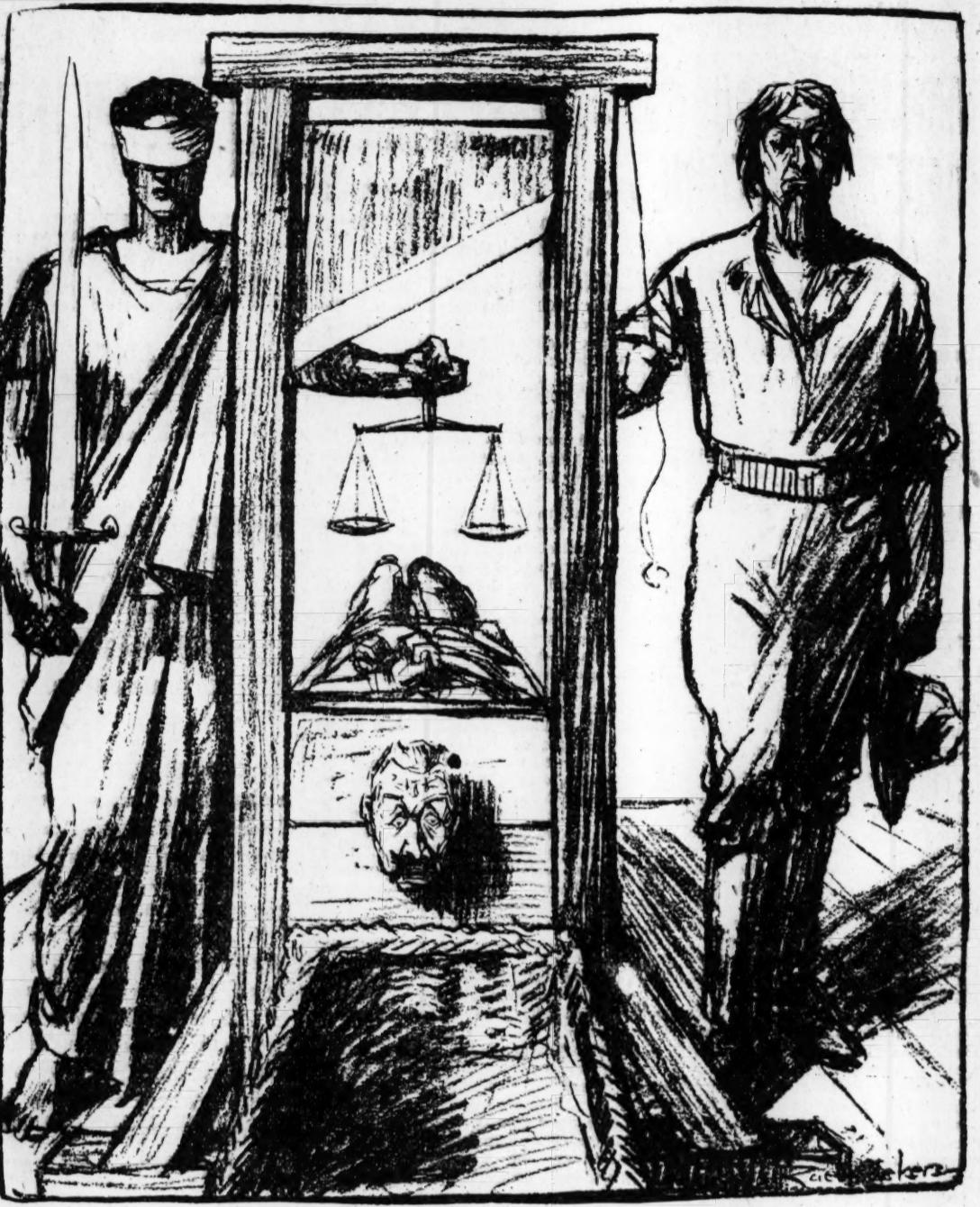
A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd reports the arrest and imprisonment in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of M. Vyshnegradsky and M. Putilov, managing directors of the International Commercial Bank and the Russo-Asian Bank in consequence of the mention of their names in an intercepted letter wherein Gen. Alexeoff, former Commander in Chief, begged Prof. Paul Milikoff, the Constitutional Democratic leader, to interest himself in obtaining 300,000 rubles to assist starving families of imprisoned officers.

**Letter About Francis May Be Forged.**

Referring to the arrest of Col. Kholzhanikoff, attached to the American Red Cross mission to Romania, the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says it has been suggested that the letter alleged to have been sent to the Colonel by Col. Anderson, head of the mission, stating that the American Ambassador, David R. Francis, was ready to advance 100,000 rubles to the account of the Red Cross was

Drawn by Louis Raemaekers, the Famous Dutch Cartoonist.

## Justice



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### IT MUST BE DONE.

a forgery. Such things are not uncommon now, he adds.

The same correspondent telegraphs that the British Ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, published on Sunday a statement denying the charge of interference in the internal affairs of Russia, and adding that as there were three independent republics in Russia, it is difficult to avoid the appearance of having relations with more than one.

It is reported from Brest-Litovsk, by way of Petrograd, that Finland has appealed to Germany to recognize its independence and that the Germans express their willingness to do so. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, is said to have shown his irritation because the Finns applied to the Germans direct, instead of through the Bolshevik commissioners.

**Finnish Delegates in Stockholm.**

A Stockholm dispatch to the Post records the arrival there of a Finnish delegation to ask Sweden's recognition of the independence of the Finns. According to the same correspondent, anarchistic conditions prevail in parts of Finland.

The Swedish Consul at Helsinki has sent an urgent appeal to his Government to protect Sweden at Åbo, where there is a reign of terror. The Stockholm's Tidningen reports an agreement between the Finnish Senate and the Baltic Fleet Committee under which Finland virtually will buy its independence for \$60,000 rubles (\$25,000,000.)

### GERMANY PLANS TO CONSCRIPT WOMEN WORKERS AFTER WAR

Upper Class Girls to Be Specified Trained and Poor Girls Put in Factories.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—Plans for general conscription of women after the war are being made in Germany, and there is a general feeling that girls as well as boys will be compelled to undergo a regular period of training corresponding to the needs of your country's service, the war. The services proposed for girls is not military, but civil. It is proposed that all women should, preferably at the age of 17, be taken from their homes and compulsorily "trained," either in a profession, a trade, or in house-holds.

The characteristic German division between rich and poor is maintained in the project. Girls of the upper classes are to be trained in special institutions; poor girls will go to factories or be placed in private households, where their employers will give them a trifle of pocket money and make a contribution to the state.

The idea meets with wide com-

mandment in the German newspapers, but one English critic notes that "there is some difference between male conscription which puts a man into a regiment run by and for the state, and female conscription which makes a girl work with wage for the profit of private individuals. The latter cannot with accuracy be called anything but slavery."

Gen. Bliss, chief of staff, sent this message in reply: "The President and Secretary of War send to you and to the American army in France the most cordial greetings and good wishes for this Christmas season from the people of the United States. Your comrades in arms in every camp and cantonment send you greetings. From every home today goes a prayer for the welfare and success of our troops in France and personally for that of every man of them. Their welfare reposes in you and in their full confidence that in God's good time we will be converted into a restaurant. A score or more of saloons in the downtown section here have put in soda water fountains.

Many saloons will not take out a whisky license for the new year, but will sell only beer and light wines, which can be sold on a license which will cost only a fraction of the cost of a whisky license.

The Comus, the largest saloon in the busiest section of New Orleans, will go out of business and will be converted into a restaurant. A score or more of saloons in the downtown section here have put in soda water fountains.

Firemen Fight Over Girl.

Walter Roland, 27 years old, of 1548 South Seventh street, a city fireman stationed at Sixth and Papin streets, had four scalp wounds treated at the central dispensary last night. He told a policeman he and another fireman had fought over a girl at the engine house.

1918 WILL HAVE PLEASANTER

MEMORIES for you if you will have contributed to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund by Jan. 1. The bills will be paid Jan. 10. Have you a list tucked away in your desk waiting for another signature?

### POST-DISPATCH GETS BIG EAGLE AS WARTIME EMBLEM

Mounted Bird, With Five-Foot Spread of Wings, Caught in Colorado.

An American eagle with a five-foot spread of wings was received by the Post-Dispatch today to be used as the newspaper's wartime emblem. It is a stuffed bird, beautifully mounted, and is regarded as one of the finest specimens ever brought to St. Louis.

The eagle was sent by Frederick Herkert Sr., a trunk hardware merchant, and George W. Baumhoff, former general manager of the United Railways Co., both of St. Louis. It was caught in a trap on their ranch near Colorado Springs, Colo. in a letter accompanying the gift.

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White House Gives Out the Statement He Tried to Make Before Senate Committee.

### MISMANAGEMENT DENIED

Shortage Attributed to Heavy Movement of Sugar From This Hemisphere to Europe.

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The statement contains the Food Administrator's reply to charges made before the committee by Claus Spreckels, president of the Federal Refining Co., that the sugar situation was mismanaged and set forth in detail the administration's efforts to keep sugar prices down while supplying large quantities to allies.

The committee, of which Senator Reed is chairman, not only had refused to make the statement a part of the congressional record, but has declined thus far to permit Hoover to take the stand to answer Spreckels' charges. When the hearing is resumed Friday, however, it is understood, Hoover will be permitted to tell his story.

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## Humor From the Trenches

Drawn by Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather of the British Army in Flanders.



Reproduced from his book, "Bullets and Bullets."

## Bairnsfather Describes Entry of His Regiment Into the Great Battle of Ypres

Departing From Rest Billets Suddenly, It Found Itself Plunging Into the Most Deadly Sector of the English Line.

By CAPT. BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER,  
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### CHAPTER XXVII.

We marched off in the Bailleul direction, and ere long entered Bailleul. We didn't stop, but went straight on up the road, out of the town, past the asylum with the baths. It was getting dusk now as we tramped along.

"The road to Looce," I muttered to myself, as I saw the direction we had taken. We were evidently not going to the place we had been hearing of.

"Looce? Ah, yes; and what's beyond Looce?" I pulled out my map as we went along. "What's beyond Looce?" I saw it at a glance now, and had all my suspicions confirmed. The word YPRES stood out in blazings letters from the map. Ypres it was going to be, sure enough.

"It looks' like Ypres," I said, turning to my sergeant, who was silently trudging along behind me. He came up level with me and I showed him the map and the direction we were taking. I was mighty keen to see this famous spot. Stories of famous fights in that great salient were common talk amongst us, and had been for a long time. The wonderful defense of Ypres against the hordes of Germans in the previous October had filled our lines of trenches with pride and superiority, but no wonderment. Everyone regarded Ypres as a strenuous spot, but everyone secretly wanted to go there and see it for themselves. I felt sure we were not bound for them, or to Looce, but the allies either to reduce their numbers or to go to remote markets after sugar, we will have done tremendous damage to our abilities to win the war.

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## BARONESS, WIFE OF GERMAN OFFICER, SUES FOR DIVORCE

Arrested on Espionage Charge When in Hotel With American Lieutenant.

### SON IN NAVAL ACADEMY

Woman Professed Loyalty to United States—Permitted to Remain Near Annapolis.

ANNAPOLES, Md., Dec. 26.—Divorce proceedings have been begun here by Baroness Iona Zollner of New York, who was arrested by Federal agents in Chattanooga, Tenn., on an espionage charge, when at a hotel with Lieut. John W. Spalding, a young officer of the United States Army. Her husband is a German army captain. She charges abandonment.

The Baroness is 44, Lieut. Spalding is 22. She is tall, of striking appearance. Capt. Zollner is said to be much younger than her.

Baroness Zollner has two sons and a daughter by a former marriage. One of her sons is a midshipman in the Naval Academy, and in a few months is likely to become an officer in the American navy. The Baroness made many acquaintances here last summer when she rented a home a short distance from the Naval Academy's main entrance gate.

Passed as Mrs. Zollner.

She did not lay claim to her title while here, passing simply as Mrs. Iona Zollner, but she did not try to conceal the fact that her husband was fighting in the German army while one of her sons was a former midshipman studying to become an American naval officer. She showed Capt. Zollner's photograph freely among her acquaintances.

Rumor connected many stories with her, all of which she indignantly denied

**BAIRNSFATHER DESCRIBES  
ENTRY OF HIS REGIMENT  
INTO BATTLE OF YPRES**

Continued From Preceding Page.

that there was a bit of a bother in the salient. Still, there was nothing told us definitely, and on we went up the dusty, uninteresting road. Somewhere about midday we halted alongside an immense granite wall on which were numerous wooden huts of the simplest and most unattractive construction. The dust which swirled around them, making the whole place look as uninviting as possible. It was the remotest and least encouraging camp I have ever seen. I've seen a few more.

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Indigestion. Druggists  
refund money if it fails.  
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stresses in the camp line in England, and in France, but this war is far and away a champion in repulsion. We halted opposite this place, as I have said, and in a few moments we were all marched into the central, baked-mud square, in the midst of the huts. I have since learned that this camp is no more, so I don't mind mentioning it. We were now dismissed, whereupon we all collared huts for our men and ourselves, and sat down to rest.

A Gloomy Prologue to Action. We had had a very early and scratch sort of a breakfast, so were rather keen to get at the lunch question. The limbers were the last things to turn up, being in the rear of the battalion, but when they did the cooks soon pulled the necessary things out and proceeded to knock up a meal.

I went outside my hut and surveyed the scene whilst they got the lunch ready. It was a rotten place. The huts hadn't got any sides to them, but were made by two slopes of wood fixed at the top, and had triangular ends. There were just a few huts built with sides, but not many. Apart from the huts the desert contained nothing except men in war-worn, dirty khaki, and clouds of dust. It reminded me very much of India, as I remembered it from my childhood days. The land all around this mud plain was flat and scrubby, with nothing of interest to look at anywhere. But, yes, there was—just one thing. Away to the north I could just see the top of the towers of Ypres.

I wondered how long we were going to stay in this Sahara, and turned back into the hut again. Two or three of us were resting on a little scanty straw in that hut, and now, as we guessed, that it was about the time when the cooks would have got the lunch ready, we crossed to another larger hut, where a long bare wooden table was laid out for us. With sore eyes and a parched throat I sat down and devoured two chilly sardines, reposing on a water biscuit, drank about a couple of gallons of water, and felt better. There wasn't much conversation at that meal: we were all too busy thinking. Besides, the C. O. was getting messages all the time, and was immersed in the study of a large map, so we thought we had better keep quiet.

Our Colonel was a splendid person, as good as one as any battalion could wish to have. (He's sure to buy a copy of this book after that.) He was with the regiment all through 1914-15 winter, and is now a Brigadier.

Ordered to "March at Once." We had made all preparations to stay in the huts at that place for the night, when, at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, another message arrived and was handed to the C. O.

He issued his orders. We were to march at once. Everyone was delighted, as the place was unattractive, and what's more, now that we were on the marchpath, we wanted to go on with the job whatever it was.

Now we were on the road once more, and marching on towards Ypres. The whole brigade was on the road somewhere, some battalions in front of us and some behind. On we went through the driving dust and dismal scenery, making, I could clearly see, for Ypres. We ticked off the miles at a good steady marching pace, and in course of time turned out of our long, dusty, winding lane on to a wide cobbled main road, leading evidently into the town of Ypres itself, now about two miles ahead. It was a fine sight, looking back down the winding column of men in long lines, steadily bronzed men, in dust-coated black uniforms, running over the gray cobbed road, singing and, whistling at intervals, the rattling and clinking of the various metallic parts of their equipment forming a kind of low accompaniment to their songs. We halted about a mile out of the city, and all "fell out" on the side of the road, and sat about on heaps of stones or on the bank of the ditch at the roadside. It was easy enough to see now where we were going, and what was up. There was evidently a severe "scrapping" on. Parties of battered, distressed-looking men, belonging to a variety of regiments, were now streaming past down the road—mostly French-African soldiers amongst them. From these we learned that a tremendous attack was in progress, but got no details. Their stories received corroboration by the fact that we could see many shells bursting in and around the city of Ypres. These vagrant men were wounded in a degree, inasmuch as most of them had been undergoing some prodigious bombardment and were dazed from shell-shock. They cheered us with the usual exaggerated and halloowing yells common to such a people as ours. This was what we had come here for—to participate in this business, not very nice, but we were all "for it" anyway. If we hadn't come here we would have been attacking at that other place, and this was miles more interesting. If one had ever participated in an affair of arms at Ypres, it gives one a sort of honorable trade-mark for the rest of the war as a member of the accepted successful matadors of the Flanders bullring.

Ypres Only Half a Mile Away. We sat about at the side of the road for about half an hour, then got the order to fall in again. Stiff and weary, I left my heap of stones and my place at the head of the section and prepared for the next act. On we went again down the cobbled road, crossed a complicated mixture of ordinary rails and tramlines, and struck off up a narrow road to the left, which apparently also ended in the city. It was now evening, the sky was gray and cloudy. Ypres, only half a mile away, now loomed up dark and gray against the sky line. Shells were falling in the city, with great hollow sounding crashes. We marched on up the road.

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Topcoat of Natural Muskrat, reduced to \$69.50
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Kolinsky Cape Stoat, \$225.00.
Skunk Beaver Stone Marten collar, reduced to \$125.00
Banded Hudson Bay Sable Set, reduced to \$175.00
Natural Hudson Bay Sable Scarf, reduced to \$98.50
Natural Blue Fox Set, \$225.00.
Natural Fisher Set at \$50.75.
Stone Marten Throw Scarf, \$135.00.
Genuine Kolinsky Muffs at \$15.00.
Natural Dark Mink Sets, large stores with beautiful muffs to match, specially priced at \$165.00, \$145.00 and \$95.00.

(Third Floor.)

### Suits, Coats and Dresses

at 1/2 off

\$15      \$20

\$25      \$35

### Finest Dresses Greatly Reduced

A great many of our most beautiful Dresses in exclusive modes—on sale at but a fraction of their original prices.

At \$24.75—is a remarkable range of smart "Hickson" and "Schwarz" Suits and Wraps at 50 per cent discount from the regular prices.

At \$34.75—are gorgeous Dresses of velvet, black lace combination Georgette, Satin, Dinner Dresses and Satin and Georgette Afternoon Dresses. Also many high grade Evening Gowns.

(Third Floor.)

See Details of After-Christmas Apparel Sale in the Downstairs Store in Tonight's Star and Times.

### Great Reductions on Misses' Apparel

Misses' Suits, plain and fancy styles \$15.00  
Misses' Coats, plain tailored or fur-trimmed, \$24.75  
Misses' Frocks and Afternoon, Evening and Party Dresses \$16.50

### Women's Skirts

Three splendid groups of high-grade garments at \$4.95, \$7.95 and \$9.95

### Waists Reduced

Broken lines, slightly mussed from the holiday season, at \$1.98, \$2.98 and \$6.50 (Third Floor.)

### High-Grade Shoes Pair, \$3.95



As a companion to the After-Christmas Outer-Apparel Sales, this Sale of Women's Shoes will attract wide attention.

In the lot are tan or dull leathers, black kid with white kid tops, black kid with gray buck tops—high or low heels, and in a wide range of lasts for choosing, marked at one price, \$3.95.

#### High-Top Shoes

Dark gray and tan Boots, with 11-inch tops—also some other styles in high-grade Footwear, marked down to \$5.85. (Main Floor.)

#### After-Christmas Silk Sale

A GROUPING of odd lots and broken lines and short lengths, at great price reductions.

#### Fancy Silk Velvets

Printed Radium, 40 inches, and Rainbow Tissue, 50c

#### Costume Velvets

Dark green, 35 inches wide, also 32-inch Striped Silk Broadcloth Tub Silks, at yard, \$1.79

#### White and Colored Crepe de Chine

Colored Moires, Silk and Wool Poplins, 40 inches wide, yard, \$1.39

#### Canton Crepes

In cadet, navy, black and gray,

40 inches wide—also 36-inch Striped Satins and Taffetas—

also 32-inch Tub Silks, yard, 89c

Canton Crepes, Brocades in navy and black, and Satin Charmeuse, in navy, gray and black; 42 inches wide—also black Chiffon Taffeta, 40 inches wide, yard, \$1.95

Imported Dress Velveteens, 44 inches wide, navy and dark green only, at, yard, \$2.69

(Second Floor.)

#### Coating Plushes and Fur Cloths

A VERY rare opportunity for getting material for a suit, coat or scarf, and offering Bolivias, Silvertones, Heath Mixtures, Velours, Sealette Plushes, Beaver, Mole, Hudson Seal and Baby Lamb Fur Cloths, in usable lengths, all at this uniform discount.

(Second Floor.)

at 25% Off

## Thursday We Announce a Stupendous After-Christmas Sale of Suits and Overcoats

at \$19.50



SURPLUS stocks from The House of Kuppenheimer and two New York makers at a fraction of value.

This is unexpected good fortune for men. It is a sale that because of market conditions, will cause profound surprise, by reason of its remarkable offerings in high-grade Suits and Overcoats

Every garment is of trustworthy quality—correct in style, superbly tailored and just such garments as will please men of critical tastes. They are all new to the season, and only by a remarkable trade turn are offered at this price.

### The Suits—

Are for the most part the widely known Kuppenheimer make, and include Belts and other popular models for young men. Also the more conservative type for men of more mature years who exact smartness and goodness in their clothes.

It will pay men handsomely to not alone supply their present requirements, but to lay in an extra Suit or Coat or two for future use, for there is little likelihood that Suits or Coats of this high character will be marked so low again for years, if then. Profit by this occasion and come here early Thursday.

### The Overcoats—

Are in a wide array of smartest styles, fashioned from the highest grade materials, and in wanted shades. They are new belted effects as well as the plain models, in mixtures, friezes, kerseys, novelty fabrics.

(Men's Store—Main Floor.)



## Complete Story of the Suppression in 1908 of Interview With Kaiser

Nothing in William Bayard Hale's Article to Provok a War, Writes Editor of Century Magazine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Nine years ago last month the Century Magazine suppressed an article written by William Bayard Hale which had been widely advertised, and which had been eagerly awaited. The subject of the article, the German Emperor, and the somewhat spectacular circumstances of its suppression combined to arouse a world-wide interest in the article and in the fact that was the Kaiser had said. The international interest which the affair aroused has not waned with time. Since the fall of 1908 there has been a widespread belief on both sides of the Atlantic that the article contained expressions from the Kaiser which would have had, among other results, "the bringing on of a war between Great Britain and Germany in 24 hours," if they had been published.

Richard Watson Gilder, who was editor of the Century at the time, has since died. The interesting subject having been recently revived, the New York World invited Clarence Clough Buel, associate editor of the Century at the time, to write for its columns an article which would definitely establish the exact character of the suppressed article and its contents. Buel was invited to tell just what it was that the Kaiser had said and just how it came about that the matter was suppressed.

**London Interview Printed.**  
When William Bayard Hale returned to Berlin after having been the guest of the Kaiser on board the yacht Hohenzollern for several days, he told Dr. Frank W. Wile, then Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail, a detailed story of what the Kaiser had said to him, a story indeed sensational, inasmuch as it depicted the Kaiser raging against England and indulging in outbursts in many directions, words calculated to throw all the courts of Europe into a ferment.

Hale returned to America as quickly as possible after his experience and reported to his employer, the New York Times. His report of the interview was of such a character that it was submitted to President Roosevelt and also the German Embassy at Washington. President Roosevelt advised strongly that the interview as represented should not be published and the German Ambassador, after a cable conference with Berlin, requested that the interview be printed. Accordingly, the Times did not publish the interview.

Some time after the Kaiser had entertained and talked with Dr. Hale, he visited England, and while there he indulged in an interview which really got into print through the columns of the London Telegraph. When this interview appeared, a storm broke in England and Germany which did not subside for many days.

In consequence of the storm over the Kaiser's London indiscretion, however, the German Government felt it best not to have any further imperial opinions put out at the time and a cablegram was sent to New York, as Buel points out, asking that the article be suppressed. This was the reason why the article never appeared in the Century.

In addition to Buel's article and interview with the Kaiser published by the London Telegraph, the world republishes today the analysis of the interview which appeared in columns in the midst of the excitement of nine years ago. Subsequently the World retracted its article in this connection.

The important light which Buel throws upon the matter makes clear that the World's article was an analysis of the article suppressed by the Century company. It was, however, a exceedingly close analysis of the interview, as it was ascribed to Dr. Hale, in detail, in Berlin, and as it was reported by Dr. Hale on his arrival in New York. Hale's article is as follows:

By CLARENCE BUEL  
At the Time Assistant Editor of the Century Magazine.)

The truth that mystery is the soul of dramatic interest is amazingly proved by the ease with which "fake" accounts of the Kaiser's suppressed interview continue to tick the pockets of credulous newspapermen. If that now famous docu-

ment had been spread before the public as it was printed in the Century Magazine for December, 1908, instead of being canceled at the last moment with much secret fume and expense, it would have proved to be possibly a nine days' wonder. But the innocent mystery of its suppression has rolled it forward like a snowball of increasing size for nine long years.

**Monarch's "Face Saved."**  
Of course, it is the Kaiser's emblem as the leading villain of the world war which stirs the imagination of those who turn a claymore to the suppressed interview. They find in it, however, that if the wicked Kaiser had not had his epitome verbiage erased by his astute advisers in 1908, the war might have been started before Germany was fully prepared to conquer the whole world. Undoubtedly the Kaiser had earned all the obloquy that can be poured upon him; but it is weak and anti-climax to accuse him of being the fool of the imagined interview.

In fact, the recent weird commen-

tators have missed the whole point of the sensation created by the suppression of the Kaiser's lubrications in November, 1908. At that time the German Foreign Office bestirred itself to blot the interview from the sight of man for the sole purpose of "saving the face" of their anointed monarch in the sight of his people. If all the inside facts of the suppression had been known in Germany, the quills of the Maximal Harden would have blotted with ridicule what were the abuses as shown later on.

Being an accomplished gentle-

man as well as an expert journalist capable of imparting as much of human interest as he was likely to receive, Dr. Hale easily won the confidence of the responsible heads of the Foreign Office, and, be it said at once, never forfeited it. His desire to paint a mental portrait of the Kaiser in daily action was furthered, and consent was obtained for his presence on the Emperor's yacht, then the usual summer cruise in Norwegian waters.

The new and stimulating "talking paper" was two days at the service of the Kaiser, and it may be assumed that Dr. Hale was not a deadhead in the interview as it was represented to be not published and the German Ambassador, after a cable conference with Berlin, requested that the interview be printed. Accordingly, the Times did not publish the interview.

Mr. Gilder readily consented in case it was a physical possibility to not print the 11 pages of the interview and get out the Christmas number anywhere near on time. That being settled in the affirmative, the following announcement was made in the next issue: "The Century company states that the article on the Emperor by William Bayard Hale has been withdrawn by the author, his feeling that it would be improper for him to proceed with the publication in view of recent circumstances."

The excitement over the London interview suggested to the Foreign Office that in the Century article the Kaiser had exceeded himself and the Foreign Office had distinguished a world conflagration in the nick of time. They had barely saved the Kaiser and themselves from the deep humiliation of appearing to defy the sentiment of all Germany. Having dropped the brittle document, immediate steps were taken in the Century office to remove the debris and to guard the circumstances whose humorous side was getting greater every minute. Every vestige in the keeping of the editors was cremated in the fireplace of Gilder's sanctum.

As the interview ran into a second form, there were 200,000 sheets of eight pages each, and as the Foreign Office had joyfully offered to pay the costs of suppressing the interview, which cost more than half of what has been stated, the Imperial Government, under the direction of the junior publisher, the remains were carefully boxed and placed, without ice, in a mortuary for deceased furniture.

The then Consul-General of his Imperial Majesty had been designated as executor and pallbearer. So much mystery had been made of the "killing" and such a deal of gossip had spread as to the deadly na-

ture of the malady that ordinary ob-

sequies were out of the question. After a few months, when apparently the demise had been forgotten, the boxes were delivered to the Consul-General's "trusties" and the last disposal was accomplished—but not without a shocking burst of Homeric laughter.

**Boxes Burned at Sea.**

About the time that the late lamented interview was having its first period of feigned forgetfulness, a smart German cruiser dropped anchor in the North River, and through

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**SLAIN YOUTH IS IDENTIFIED**

**Stepfather Claims Body of Boy Killed in County Grocery Robbery Attempt.**

The boy who was shot and killed by David Nelson early Monday morning while trying to break into Nelson's grocery at 5017 Helen avenue, was identified as the fugitive yesterday as Willis Murphy, 16 years old, of 2602A Kosuth avenue.

The body was claimed by his step-father, Chester B. Russell.

**Three Automobiles Stolen.**

Three automobiles reported stolen yesterday afternoon belonged to L. A. Kissner, 4323 North Broadway; Morris L. Schainkel, 3029 South Jefferson avenue, and Ben Lippman, 2119 O'Fallon street.

**SCHROETERS**

117 and 119 Washington Av.  
St. Louis.

**Weekly Ad No. 680**

THIS SALE CLOSES TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 1st, 6 P. M.

**SEND US YOUR MAIL ORDERS****NEW BREAST DRILL**

HAS BALL BEARING AND ALL-GATOR JAWS; gearing is changeable from even to speeded three to one; price, \$1.50. Special prices this sale, \$2.50. Parcel post weight, 8 pounds.

**BELL-RINGING TRANSFORMERS**

For reducing current in batteries power will also operate standard type of door openers; alternating current only. Special \$1.29. Parcel post weight, 4 pounds.

**SCHROETER'S SPECIAL TOOL-GRINDING MACHINE**

With Inased Gears. Dimensions of 30x36x36 inches. Indispensable in grinding supplies of every description. \$1.69. Parcel post weight, 8 pounds.

**WOOD JACK PLANES**

With the screw adjustment; 2-inch cutter. \$1.14. Special price, 14c. Parcel post weight, 6 lbs.

**VEST-POCKET KODAKS**

For soldiers. Price, \$6.00 each.

**BELT CARRYING CASES**

above cameras, made of genuine leather. Special price, \$1.39. Parcel post weight, 8 pounds.

**UNIVERSAL FOOD CHOPPER**

Cuts 3 pounds of raw meat per minute. Complete with 4 cutters. \$1.39. Special price, 14c. Parcel post weight, 8 pounds.

**WOOL WALL BRUSHES**

Made of lamb's wool, removes dust without scratching or staining. Two sizes, 6 inches and 66 inches... \$69c. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**SCHROETER'S MIXED SCREWS**

Assortment put up in 1-lb. boxes. Box contains about 225 screws, all good sizes. Special price this sale, 19c. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**ALL-BRASS CUSPIDORS**

Self-lighting, weighted bottom; 3½ inches opening at neck; easy to clean; heat knife for lighting from outside without cracking or crumbling. \$19c. Special price, 14c. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**BREAD AND CAKE KNIVES**

By far the best knife ever made for slicing from outside without cracking or crumbling. \$19c. Price, each. Parcel post weight, 1 pound.

**HACK-SAW FRAME**

Adjustably from 8 to 12 inches; This frame is made of the best tempered steel. Special \$39c.

**RACHET BIT**

10-inch sweep; all-brass rachet bit; 10-inch sweep; all-brass rachet bit; \$1.29. Special price, 14c.

**SCHROETER'S**

Improved Greater Will grate almonds, nuts, bread, horse radish, potatoes, coconut and other foods requiring grating. It does the work satisfactorily. This week only, special price.

**\$1.29**

Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**6-FOOT FOLDING RULES**

Jointed yellow enameled; black brass; 6 feet long. Special price, \$48c. This sale.

**SCHROETER'S SPECIAL DRY BATTERIES**

In square cases for running small motors and igniters. Special price, 29c. Weight, each, 2 lbs.

**COMBINATION PLIERS**

A combination of wire cutters, wrench, etc. Special price, 39c. This sale. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**TRY BAR**

Made of 3½-inch octagon steel; 12 inches long; 1½ inches wide; one end chisel point on the other. \$29c. Special price, 29c. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

**"HOME"**

WORN DRIVE NUT CRACKER

Cracks nuts without crushing the kernel; uses a snap action; so that kernel can be extracted whole or in halves; 6 inches. Special price, 59c. This sale. Parcel post weight, 2 pounds.

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**SCHROETER BROS. HARDWARE CO.**

117 and 119 Washington Av.

**WOMAN'S ESCORT SLAIN IN A 'PRANK' HOLDUP**

Man Holding Pipe Like a Revolver When Policeman Interferes, and Shooting Follows.

A Christmas morning prank which John Mollman of 311 Rutger street held a pipe in such a way that it appeared to be a revolver, cost the life of his friend Joseph Hennessy, 2222 Chestnut avenue. Hennessy died at the city hospital at 7:30 a.m. today after being shot twice by Probationary Patrolman Borlinghaus of the Soulard Street District.

Borlinghaus was standing in a doorway at 1256 South Broadway at 2 a.m. yesterday, when he saw what he thought was an attempt to hold up a woman. Two men stood near her and one seemed to be pointing a revolver at her. With his own revolver drawn, the policeman advanced on the supposed highwayman. The other man drew a revolver and fired at the policeman, who returned the fire, shooting three times.

The man who later was identified as Hennessy ran south on Broadway. A block further south, Frederick Deutchman, a private watchman, knocked him down with his nightstick. Hennessy was found to have been wounded in the abdomen and right leg. Policeman Borlinghaus, who had been shot in the thigh, limped to where Hennessy had fallen and was joined there by the supposed highwayman and the woman, Mrs. Emma Cindler of 311 Rutger street, Mollman's aunt.

Mrs. Cindler said she and Mollman and Hennessy were on their way home from a Christmas eve party when Mollman playfully pointed his pipe at her and told her to hold up her hands. Hennessy, she said, opened fire because he thought the policeman was about to shoot. Mollman street, Mollman's aunt.

**MORPHINE POISONING VERDICT**

IN DEATH OF DR. W. B. ARTHUR

Physician and Dentist Died at His Home as Pulmoter Was Being Used.

An open verdict was returned today by a coroner's jury following an inquest into the death of Dr. Willis B. Arthur, physician and dentist, 46 years old, who died in his home, 3229 Shenandoah avenue early Christmas morning as physicians were working upon him with pulmometer. The verdict declares Arthur died of morphine poisoning, but does not say whether the death was an accident or a result of suicidal intent.

Mrs. Eugenia Arthur, the doctor's wife, testified that her husband came home Monday evening and went to bed. At 7:30, she declared, she found him breathing heavily, but could not arouse him. Five physicians who were summoned were unable to arouse him and he died at 1 a.m.

E. H. Graul, a druggist at Shenandoah and Compton avenues, told Dr. Arthur's visit to his store on Monday to get morphine tablets for a patient.

DID YOU RECEIVE A GIFT OF MONEY? If so, invest it in something of lasting value—a genuine diamond or fine watch. If the amount of your gift will not cover entire price, pay balance monthly. Loftis Bros. & Co., 22 floor, 308 N. Sixth st.—ADV.

**BRITISH AVIATORS BOMBARD MANNHEIM ON THE RHINE**

Ton of Explosives Dropped on German City and Many Fires Started—One Machine Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The city of Mannheim in Germany on the Rhine was bombed by a British air squadron early on Monday, says an official statement. A ton of bombs was dropped and several fires were started. All but one of the British machines returned. The statement reads:

"At daylight on Monday one of our squadrons bombed Mannheim on the Rhine with excellent results. A ton of bombs was dropped and bursts were observed in the gasworks station in the works and also in the town, where fires were started."

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"ACTOID'S" ACT ACTIVELY. Laxative Purgative—Take "ACTOID'S."—ADV.

**CAR THIEF SUSPECTS SHOOT TWO EAST ST. LOUIS WATCHMEN**

Two Terminal watchmen were shot during fight with suspected boxcar thieves at the junction of the B. & O. and Vandalia tracks, near the Relay Depot, in East St. Louis, at 7 a.m. today.

John Eaves, 32, was shot through the head. He is unconscious. Jesse Hamm, 29, was shot in the left lung. Joseph Damillot, another watchman who was with Eaves and Hamm, was uninjured.

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Buy from "Day" today—Raincoat Day Rubber Co., 415 N. 4th st.—ADV.

**TROTZKY GIVES CLEARANCE TO RED CROSS TRAIN FOR ROMANIA**

Personal Order Given to Raymond Robins After Supplies Are Held Up; Mission Cleared of Plot Charges.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotzky gave to Raymond Robins today a special order clearing the road for 20 cars of Red Cross supplies to Jassy, Romania. No automobiles were included. Trotzky's personal order became necessary as the train was detained and searched, following

the capture of Col. Kolchakoff, and still unpublished did not compromise the Red Cross. The difficulty in the search of the train were on account of dives made in Germany and bought in Japan.

The train, in charge of Lieut. Herbert Magnuson of the American Red Cross, was seized dramatically by the Red Guards last night as it was leaving Petrograd. He went to the Smolny Institute and asked for an investigation, assuring the authorities that the train had only Red Cross supplies. He was unable to get the order to proceed until he had a few minutes talk with Trotzky.

This action of Trotzky virtually

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1917.

## If You Travel Much Now You Won't Want to, Much

War Traffic Makes Fast, Smooth-Running Trains, With Only Three Persons in Your Pullman and an Attentive Porter, Things of the Past.

BY CLAIR KENAMORE,  
A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

ON BOARD TRAIN, EN ROUTE FROM ONE ARMY POST TO ANOTHER, Dec. 23.—The Government, many railroad systems, and newspapers have asked all persons not compelled to do so, to refrain from traveling at this period of our national existence. The requests doubtless have kept some people at home where they belong, but these crowded cars, which travel through the southwestern quarter of the United States, give no intimation of it.

Every road has reduced the number of its passenger trains to the minimum and inaugurated new schedules. The fast, smooth-running trains in which you used to ride in luxury, with only three other persons like you, Pullmans and lighted porter in anxious attendance on your wishes, are things of the past. The "Silver Special" and the "Cotton King" and such like trains by which the lonely ranchers of the Southwest used to set their clocks, now are long, laboring strings of mixed wood and steel cars drawn by an uncertain engine, running from two to 20 hours late.

For we are at war, and the railroad industry is one of those which has accepted as fact the dictum that "We cannot win the war as a side line." They are devoting all their energies to the business of war, and the old trade on which it once subsisted is now a mere incidental.

A Journey From Dawson.

We left Dawson, let us say, at 8 a.m., bound for Jackson Barracks. No. 8 is made up at Dawson, so it got out ultimately on time, only 40 minutes late, in fact. The train consisted of five passenger cars, a club car and the express cars. We were to proceed to Travis City, wait there two hours for No. 10 northbound, which would pick us up.

Arriving in the outskirts of Travis City an hour late, we were held outside the yards. No one seemed to know just what was causing the delay. The brakeman was particularly uncommunicative. He was a "dug out," a little, old, wizened man, who

had quit the road years before to retire a fellow who formerly handled the flags on this train, so the old man said, now was in Allentown, Pa., a sergeant, and about ready to sail for France. The older man who had been on the reserve list of the company, had been asked to come back to work, and he had come. He said he was glad, by Jing, to do something to help out. He confided in me that he did not have the slightest idea what was keeping us out of the yards, but that there were lots more things which would hold up a train now than there used to be when they was running regular.

The Cause of the Delay.

Pretty soon the cause appeared. It was a long freight train drawn by two fine engines. Two of the flat cars held box-up airplanes. Three others carried canvas-covered equipment for wagon trains, and every box car had a red, white and blue placard appealing to the reader to help win the war. The freight carried equipment and gear for the training camps. It was going about the nation's business and it had the right of way. Pullmans and chair cars must wait on the sidings for it to pass, and all was as it should be.

There was no complaint from the passenger train. A year ago, there would have been an indignant chorus of "We cannot win the war as a side line." They are devoting all their energies to the business of war, and the old trade on which it once subsisted is now a mere incidental.

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minutes for supper," the conductor announced.

A stream of 200 persons flowed off the train at Crockett, into the lunch room and dining room, and were fed. Girls and women did all the work. Men in jobs that women can fill are becoming increasingly scarce. No one asked you what you wanted. You sat down and a flashing young lady put a cup of soup before you. Then came a battery of omelettes, each girl saying in an unchanged tone: "Care for the omelette?" You cared, and on her heels came the croquette girl. As these disappeared came the steam carriers, big, husky girls with great platters of steaks, and in among the food carriers darted the smaller girls, the cooks in white aprons. Men's efficiency showed in that meal for just as you reached the crust of the pie, the wizened "dug-out" brakeman was at the door calling "All aboard!" It was an ideal meal, well and expeditiously served, and there was nobody to tip, for everybody had waited on you, and of course, you could not tip them all.

At 8 p.m. we reached Williams, and 200 more persons climbed aboard the laboring train, most of them hungry and in a bad humor.

"What? No dinner? That is an outrage. We have been at the station since 6 o'clock, and that girl in the ticket office had told us the train would be here in 15 minutes ever since 6:30."

The conductor was sorry, but he could not help it, and he had other troubles. The duplications of berths were beginning to appear.

Six young women, or rather three pairs of young women held tickets entitling them to occupy upper 7 in car 17. Each pair vowed solemnly they had purchased the tickets more than a week before, and that the girl in the ticket office had made special effort to see that they got that particular berth. Similar

trials had plenty of opportunity to study the decorations in the wooden dining car. It was carved wood in

high relief, fine germ collectors of the type built about 1890. The car was a "dugout" like the 1890s. The new steel dining cars were elsewhere, doing more important work.

Some folks got breakfast, some did not. Some stayed in the berths until noon, for the train was very long now, and the engine was weak, and there seemed to be no steam for heating purposes.

"Resolved, that this is a mighty fine time for people to stay at home, if they possibly can, and leave the trains to other people, who are helping the nation go to war. It is a fine thing to move about and see things, and go visiting Christmas, but we can knit just as well in the sitting room at home, and henceforth we will keep out of the way of the fighting men. No more shall the feet of the marching men stumble over our hand baggage."

Candles on Tree Start Fire.

Lit candles ignited cotton doses avenue, last evening, and trimmings on a Christmas tree at caused a small fire.

### NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

Collector's Office, City Hall

Only a few days remain in which taxes for the year 1917 may be paid without penalties. Those who desire to pay this month, and be promptly waited on, not to wait until the last few days when the office is crowded.

Statements will be furnished if requests are accompanied by postage.

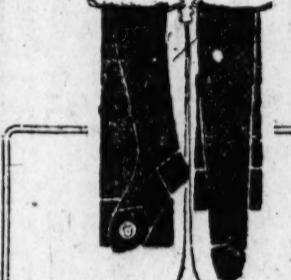
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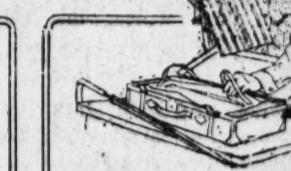
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**Lindell**  
DRY GOODS CO.

## AFTER CHRISTMAS SALES!



**Sale of Hosiery**  
WOMEN'S Boot Fiber Silk Stockings: double heel and toe; a variety of colors. Second of \$1.5c  
WOMEN'S Mercerized Stockings: high-spiced heel and toe; a variety of colors; size irregulars of 35c quality (3 for \$1.00) pair, 35c  
MEN'S Mercerized Socks: double heel and toe; color white. Slight irregulars of 35c quality pair, 19c  
CHILDREN'S Black Cotton Stockings: double heel and toe; all sizes up to 7. Specially priced, pair, 15c  
(Street Floor.)



**Men's Shirts**  
\$1.00 and \$1.25 Values  
A LARGE assortment in colors of madras, percales, rep, etc. \$1.25  
WOMEN'S Genuine White Kid Gloves, with two classes and black or white stitching, all sizes. Specially priced \$1.65  
\$1.00 Underwear  
MEN'S ecrus ribbed, and part wool natural color shirts and drawers for warmth and quality, come in all sizes, 89c  
\$1.65 Union Suits  
MEN'S ecrus and white ribbed Union Suits; cut full in all sizes. \$1.29  
(Street Floor.)



**\$2.25 Gloves**  
WOMEN'S brush wool Sweaters—large sailor collars, belted styles; all sizes up to 34 bust measure.  
WOMEN'S \$0.00 Brush Wool Sweaters, special \$7.50  
(Street Floor.)



**\$5 Sweaters**  
WOMEN'S brush wool Sweaters—large sailor collars, belted styles; all sizes up to 34 bust measure.  
WOMEN'S \$0.00 Brush Wool Sweaters, special \$7.50  
(Second Floor.)

## \$50000 Mark-Down Sale

Suits, Coats and Dresses at Extremely Low Prices

We are conducting a mark-down sale on women's stylish apparel that is without an equal for value-giving so early in the season.

Women's Suits worth to \$35.00 Reduced to \$14.00  
Women's Suits worth to \$45.00 Reduced to \$19.00  
Women's Dresses worth to \$22.50 Reduced to \$9.00

This is an opportunity that hundreds should take advantage of—we urge you to make an early selection before the assortments become broken.

Women's Dresses worth to \$35.00 Reduced to \$14.00  
Women's Coats worth to \$18.50 Reduced to \$10.00  
Women's Coats worth to \$29.50 Reduced to \$15.00

**\$1.00 Union Suits**

WOMEN'S fine ribbed fleece-lined cotton Union Suits—Dutch neck, elbow sleeves or low neck and sleeveless—ankle length. Slight irregulars of \$1.00 quality . . . 75c

**\$3.50 Scarfs**

PRETTY Marabou Scarfs with ostrich bands and satin ribbons, in natural color. Each . . . \$2.19

**\$1.00 Chemise**

WOMEN'S batiste envelope Chemise—neatly trimmed with embroidery edge—\$1 quality; each . . . 79c

**Leather Goods and Jewelry**

Values from \$2.95 to \$10.00; at a 50% discount of . . . 33 1/2%

## Women's \$3.50 to \$5 Shoes

Pair **\$2.85**

INCLUDED are gray or brown kid with cloth tops to match—patent or vici kid with white kid or cloth tops, also about 1000 pairs of "WALK-OVER" staples in patent or gunmetal—lace or button styles, with cloth or kid tops; come with high or low heels. Assorted on tables for quick choosing. Pair, \$2.85.

**TOYS GREATLY REDUCED**

50c Automobiles; large size, with wind shield, crank, tool box and bumper; heavy rubber tires. While 26 last. . . . . \$6.35  
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**MRS. LOIS K. HAYES IS  
TO BE MARRIED JAN. 19**

Will Become Bride of New York Broker at Home of Her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kilpatrick

**T**HE engagement of Mrs. Lois Kilpatrick Hayes and Mr. Eugene Perry of Hot Springs, Va., and New York City, has been announced, the wedding to take place on Jan. 19 at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hayes' parents. Only the relatives and closest friends will be present, and the Rev. Dr. Bodin of the Church of the Holy Communion will officiate.

Mrs. Hayes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kilpatrick of 33 Portland place and a granddaughter of the late John E. Liggett, founder of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., her mother having been Miss Dorothy Liggett before her marriage. Mrs. Hayes' sister was the late Mrs. Charles Schuyler.

Mr. Perry is a representative of a New York brokerage firm and spends the winters in New York and the rest of the year at the Virginia Hot Springs, where he will take his bride after a honeymoon trip.

**Social Items**

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown of 5164 Von Venen avenue, and Gardner M. Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Smithson of 1716 Vernon avenue, will be celebrated this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, with the Rev. B. T. Kammerer of St. George's Episcopal Church officiating. Miss Brown will have for her maid of honor Miss Mildred Smith, and her little sister, Elizabeth Brown, will be the flower girl. Lieut. McRee Smith, brother of the bridegroom, who is home from Fort Sherman on leave, will be the best man.

The bride's gown is of white satin and tulle, trimmed elaborately in seed pearls. It has a long court train trimmed in pearls and touches of orange blossoms and her tulle veil will be caught to her head with a wreath of orange blossoms. She will carry white roses and lilles of the valley.

This maid of honor will wear a gown of orchid-tinted georgette and tulle and will carry an arm bouquet of pink roses. The flower girl's frock will be of white organdie over a slip of pink silk and she will carry a basket of pink roses.

After a short wedding journey Mr. Smith will take his bride to Lawton, Ok., to reside while he is stationed at Fort Sill, where he is army field clerk.

Mrs. Arthur Deacon of Webster Groves entertained with a tea dance at the Algonquin Country Club this afternoon for her daughter, Miss Quenie Deacon who is one of the season's beauties. About 100 of the year's set were invited. Assisting in the entertainment were Misses Elliot K. Ludington, C. D. Gregg, H. J. McCormick, J. L. Gray and C. M. Avery.

Miss Elizabeth Haskell Cox and John Raeburn Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Green, 5837 Von Venen avenue, were married at noon Monday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Cox. "The Roost," Terra Haute, Ind. The bride was attired in her traveling suit. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lenore Cox, as maid of honor. Mr. Green's brother, Estill Green, was unable to obtain leave from Camp Funston to be best man, and Lieut. Henry Vincent Mosley of the Naval Reserve Flying Corps served in his place. The bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green and their daughter Miss Wilmoth Green, departed Sunday evening to be present at the wedding. Mr. Green is a graduate of Westminster College and of Harvard Law School. The bride's sister, Miss Dorothy Cox, is in France doing Red Cross work and her father has retired from business in order to give his entire time to Red Cross work in Terre Haute.

Estill Green will wed Miss Saxie Grant of Fulton, Mo. on Jan. 5, both his and his brother's engagement having been recently announced at the same time.

Miss Elizabeth Nulsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Nulsen of 2417 Longfellow boulevard, will entertain this evening with a dinner for 20 guests after which a number of additional guests have been asked for a dance. Miss Nulsen is a student at Vassar College and is spending the holidays with her parents.

The Harvard Club of St. Louis will give a dinner tonight at the St. Louis Club in honor of Lambert Murphy, who is a Lambert graduate, class of 1905. Mr. Murphy will be one of the soloists at the presentation of "The Messiah," which is to be given by the Pagan Choral Society tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutro C. Cale of San Francisco, Cal., are the guests of Mr. Cale's sister, Mrs. Joseph Hickman of 8007 Berlin avenue, having come to spend the holidays.

Miss Fannie Hurst of New York arrived today to spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Hurst of 6441 Gates avenue. Miss Hurst is a successful short-story writer.

Miss Marian Gratz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gratz of 5355 Lindell boulevard, was presented to society yesterday afternoon at a large tea. Throughout the house the Christmas decorations were carried out. The girls who served were Miss Ann Block, Nancy Chase, Eddie Lehmann, Marjorie Scott, Mary Ray and Ralph Gordon, Virginia

**YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS  
TO BE MARRIED TONIGHT**



Photo by Murillo.

MISS DOROTHY BROWN.

Ilus Walsh of 3628 Delmar boulevard, as it is her annual custom to do.

Miss Janice Feldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Feldman of 56 Kingsbury place, was hostess at a tea this afternoon given for the younger set. Miss Feldman is a student at Mary Institute.

**HAVE YOU AN UNFINISHED Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund list about your desk? If so, will you please complete it and send it to the Post-Dispatch before Jan. 1? The bills will be paid Jan. 12.**

**Soldier Gets 3 Years for Killing.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Private Jerry Ward, attached to A Company,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1917.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

**First Separate Battalion of negro troops of the District National Guard, has been sentenced to dismissal from the service and three years at hard labor for killing Andrew J. Cooper, an aged carpenter, at the quartermaster training camp here last Oct. 12.**

**Man Hurt in Auto Collision.**  
Milton Bowell, 2317 De Soto avenue, was cut on the head last night when a wagon on which he was riding with George Pohlmeier, 2104

De Soto avenue, collided with an automobile driven by Carl Stumpf, 2030 Biessell street, on Kosuth drive in Fairground Park. Pohlmeier and Stumpf were arrested.

**Special Sale—This Week Only**



**of  
Evening  
Slippers**

All Are the Present Season's Best Styles

**Satin Slippers formerly priced \$5 and \$6, in black, white, pink and blue. All sizes and widths.....** \$3.95

**Silver and gold cloth and brocaded Slippers, formerly \$7 to \$10, four broken lines, reduced to.....** \$4.95



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10-CENT CLUB PAYS \$127.50  
5-CENT CLUB PAYS 63.75  
2-CENT CLUB PAYS 25.50  
1-CENT CLUB PAYS 12.75**

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**AMERICAN TRUST CO.  
Broadway and Locust**

**It Takes a Long Time**

For some property owners to learn how expensive it is to confine their advertising to a placard in the window, instead of keeping their property listed in the POST-DISPATCH Real Estate Directory.

*These Sales Beginning Thursday Morning at 9 A. M.*

# STUPENDOUS JANUARY CLEARANCE

**Every Garment Must Be Sold**

The big parting January Broadside of Reductions offering truly sensational concessions which stand out in bold relief, as the grandest bargains on magnificent, high-grade, new Winter stocks the women of this city have ever had presented to them.

At the  
New **Bedell** Fashion  
Shop

In Washington Ave. at Seventh St.

**Positively Lowest Prices on Earth**

Mammoth stocks of Winter's finest Suits, Coats and Dresses—beginning tomorrow. No bargains like these anywhere—no need to shop among small or incomplete assortments in order to secure reductions. Come early in the morning—before the great crowds!

## SUITS-COATS & DRESSES REDUCED

10,000 Garments Offered at a Saving of From \$5 to \$25 in This Year-End Clearance Sale



**Bedell  
\$15 to \$20  
Garments  
Now**

**\$9.90**

**SUITS**

\$17.98 Gabardine Suits reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$19.75 Poplin Cloth Suits reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$20.00 Burella Suits reduced to..... \$9.90

**COATS**

\$17.98 Fur-Fabric Coats reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$19.75 Kersey Coats reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$16.98 Melton Coats reduced to..... \$9.90

**DRESSES**

\$19.75 Serge Dresses reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$17.98 Crepe de Chine Dresses reduced to..... \$9.90  
\$19.75 Messaline Dresses reduced to..... \$9.90

**Bedell  
\$25 to \$30  
Garments  
Now**

**\$14.90**

**SUITS**

\$30.00 Wool Poplin Suits reduced to..... \$14.90  
\$30.00 Broadcloth Suits reduced to..... \$14.90  
\$30.00 Serge Tailored Suits reduced to..... \$14.90

**COATS**

\$25.00 Soft Velour Coats reduced to..... \$14.90  
\$29.75 Cheviot Coats reduced to..... \$14.90  
\$25.00 Fur Collar Coats reduced to..... \$14.90

**DRESSES**

\$29.75 Satin Georgette Dresses..... \$14.90  
\$25.00 Serge and Crepe Dresses..... \$14.90  
\$29.75 Charmeuse Dresses reduced to..... \$14.90

**Bedell  
\$30 to \$40  
Garments  
Now**

**\$19.90**

**SUITS**

\$35.00 Wool Velour Suits reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$40.00 Broadcloth Suits reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$35.00 Fur-Trimmed Suits reduced to..... \$19.90

**COATS**

\$29.75 Pompom Coats reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$32.50 Broadcloth Coats reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$35.00 Wool Plush Coats reduced to..... \$19.90

**DRESSES**

\$29.75 De Luxe Serge Dresses reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$29.75 Charmeuse Dresses reduced to..... \$19.90  
\$32.50 Satin Dresses reduced to..... \$19.90

**Bedell  
\$40 to \$50  
Garments  
Now**

**\$24.90**

**SUITS**

\$39.75 Fur-Trimmed Broadcloth Suits..... \$24.90  
\$39.75 Wool Velour Suits reduced to..... \$24.90  
\$35.00 Velvet Suits reduced to..... \$24.90

**COATS**

\$35.00 Bolivia Cloth Coats reduced to..... \$24.90  
\$39.75 Wool Velour Coats reduced to..... \$24.90  
\$35.00 Broadcloth Coats reduced to..... \$24.90

**DRESSES**

\$32.50 Chiffon Broadcloth Dresses..... \$24.90  
\$35.00 Georgette and Satin Dresses..... \$24.90  
\$45.00 Char. and Georg. Crepe Dresses..... \$24.90

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THE POST-DISPATCH  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

(Many more small contributions to the Christmas Festival Fund are being received than ever before. The number of contribution lists coming in is so great that it cannot be published immediately. However, as many as space can be found will appear daily, and all will be published. The name of every contributor will appear except when omission is requested.)

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"A. B. C."	50
Werner & Dieckman	5.00
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A. K. Dohe	1.00
B. S. Ferguson	1.00
"M. L."	25
Total	\$8595.08


**What a difference there is**

between some old people and others

Some of them calm, satisfied—resting thankfully after the day's work. Others querulous, discontented, complaining of ingratitude—dependent perhaps on people who consider them a nuisance.

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H. H. Murr	10 W. O. Thomas	10 E. G. Glaser	10
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# Today at St. Louis' Greatest Men's Clothes Store Began the Eagerly Awaited

# After-Xmas Apparel Sale



Thousands of Women Are Shopping in the Annual

## AFTER-XMAS SILK SALE

Remember that thousands of yards of the choicest Silks are included, only a partial list of the savings being detailed here. Such remarkable economies are worthy of your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, since quantities are bound to run short where such spirited selling occurs. No Phone or Mail Orders.

\$1.50 to \$2.00 Silks, \$1.39 Yd.

\$1.85 36-inch heavy White Wash Silk.	
\$2.00 36-inch printed Fleur de Jeannette.	
\$1.75 40-inch plain Georgette Crepe.	
\$2.25 40-inch plain Crepe.	
\$1.75 36-inch pretty Plaid Taffeta.	
\$2.00 36-inch fancy anti-striped Taffeta.	
\$1.75 36-inch Overcoat Taffeta.	
\$1.95 36-inch Satin and Taffeta Stripes.	
\$1.98 40-inch Blue Poplins.	
\$1.60 35-inch Black Chiffon Taffeta.	
\$1.50 35-inch Colored Chiffon Taffeta.	
\$1.75 36-inch Black Brocade Taffeta.	
<b>\$1.39 Yd.</b>	

\$2.50 to \$3.50 Silks, \$2.19 Yd.

\$2.75 36-inch Plaid Satin.	
\$2.75 36-inch Black Charmeuse.	
\$2.50 40-inch Printed White in Stripes.	
\$2.50 40-inch Black and White Stripes.	
\$2.00 40-inch Plain Crepe Meteore.	
\$2.50 40-inch Colored Chiffon Taffeta.	
\$2.50 40-inch Black Brocade Princess Satin.	
<b>\$2.19 Yd.</b>	

32 to 44-inch Silks, \$1.00 Yd.

\$2.50 36-inch Satin Striped Satin.	
\$2.50 36-inch Black and White Stripes.	
\$2.50 36-inch Heavy White Wash Silk.	
\$2.50 36-inch Black Silk Moire.	
\$2.50 36-inch Black and Colored Velvet.	
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\$4.00 36-inch Black Bordered Marquise.	
\$2.50 36-inch Evening Tan Poncette.	
\$2.50 36-inch Imported Tan Poncette.	
\$2.50 36-inch Black and White Stripes.	
<b>\$1.00 Yd.</b>	

Main Floor, Aisle 1.

In the Basement Economy Store

36-In. Silk Poplins	\$1.25 to \$1.45 Silks
36-inch plain Silk	36-inch plain Messalines, taffeta and shirtings in lengths up to 15 yards.
Postling this is a high grade Poplin.	36-inch plaid messalines, plaid taffeta, black satins and black and white stripes.
Thursday, 88c yard	\$1.00 yard
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Basement Economy Store.

After-Christmas Corset Sale!

\$4.00 La Vida Corsets, \$2.75  
(Sizes 19 to 28)

To \$8.00 Lily of France Corsets, \$5.00

Fifth Floor

# Famous and Barr Co.

Entire Block: Olive, Locust, Sixth and Seventh  
Largest Distributors of Merchandise at Retail in Missouri or the West.  
We Give Eagle Stamps and Redeem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restricted Articles Exempted.

In Which Hundreds of the Season's Smartest Suits and Overcoats Are Offered at the Season's Greatest Savings, at

**\$16.00**

This annual event grows better as the years go by, and regardless of all that you have heard and read of the present-day market conditions, this After-Christmas Sale of Men's Clothing will offer you buying opportunities that are unusual enough to be termed extraordinary. The truth of the matter is that this is the largest store for men in the West, and when the season is over the best makers in the country turn to us as the logical outlet for their surplus stocks and end-of-the-season assortments. That is how this great sale can bring hundreds of remarkable values; and the man who is farsighted—who realizes that market conditions may be MORE unsettled next year than they now are—will be glad to profit by the opportunity.

**The Suits** —single and double breasters. Conservative three-button sack coats—two-button coats—belters—every style that is good, in hundreds of the choicest patterns and colorings. Size makes no difference—there is everything here from 32 to 52, including stouts, slims and regulars. Fancy worsteds, cassimeres and serges afford the best possible choosing for every man who wants good, serviceable, slightly fabrics. A big, all-inclusive, satisfying clothes variety—at a very low price.

### Men's Odd Trousers

Special Thursday... \$3.55

Young men and their fathers have an equal chance at these values—there are sizes and models for both, in good worsteds, cassimeres and cheviots. Those for young men have cuffs.

### Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws

Special Thursday... \$6.00

For the larger boys—splendid all-wool school Overcoats, and for the little lads, chinchillas and fancy overcoats; regulation Norfolk Suits and others with two-pairs of trousers. Mackinaws in the best-liked styles.

Second Floor

**The Overcoats** —Fully as large a variety of Overcoats as there is of suits. Big, warm ulsters; sturdy Trench coats; Chesterfields, military effects; and the usual variations. Made of fancy mixtures in rich color effects, and the always-wanted Oxford gray. Every size from 32 to 52—and the best part of all is that these good overcoats will be just as GOOD another season as they are today. You can invest your Christmas money with a BIG return in service and value—in any one of these Overcoats at \$16.

Another Great Day Tomorrow in the After-Christmas

# Apparel Sale

Immense crowds are taking advantage of the many wonderful savings—hundreds of fashionable Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts and Furs—at the year's largest economies. All Sales Must Be Final—No Approvals, Exchanges, Returns for Credit or C. O. D.'s.

### WOMEN'S AND MISSES'

### COATS

Originally to \$59.75

**\$33**

One or two of a kind—all the wanted materials, the wanted styles and colors. All sizes in the lot.



### WOMEN'S AND MISSES'

### SUITS

Choice of the Entire Stock

(French Room Suits Excluded)

**\$25 and \$35**

Hundreds of supreme style Suits, including many fur-trimmed models of striking smartness.



### Women's and Misses' Frocks \$29.50

These are exquisite frocks from the French room—original model gowns costing much more earlier in the season. Distinctive Dinner Gowns, Afternoon and Street Frocks in the lot.

### Frocks to \$18

Velours, Cheviots, Bouclies and Zibelines.

\$11

Coats to \$35

Lace, pom-poms, broadcloths, and so on.

\$21

### Coats to \$29.75

Including silvertones and Yosemitie cloths.

\$16

### Coats to \$45

These are beautifully expensive fabrics.

\$27.50

### Coats to \$75

Crystal cloth, pompon cloths, silvertones, velveteens.

\$41.50

### Frocks to \$24.75

Tailored, serge, and lovely silks for afternoons.

\$14

### Suits to \$35

Both tailored and dressy, for women and misses.

\$15

### Skirts to \$12.50

Draped, plaited, gathered and plain tailored silks and woolens.

\$5

### Suits to \$55

EXTRA SIZES, to bust, gabardines, broadcloths, velours.

\$25

### Furs to \$69.75

Novelty effects, wide range of fashionable furs.

\$50

Third Floor

In the Basement Economy Store---

# 1200 Men's Overcoats

A big purchase that came our way recently—from a maker who specializes in the best popular-priced clothing we know of—1200 splendid Coats, including all the pinch-back and form-fitting effects and conservative models also; largely the wanted blacks and Oxfords. Some have velvet collars; some self yokes; some have piped seams. Sizes 33 to 46. We've sold these identical qualities earlier in the season at \$10.50, \$11.75 and \$13.50 and if bought at today's market would retail at considerably more—Thursday at.....

**\$8.00**

Basement Economy Store.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1917.

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

# DAILY MAGAZINE

Popular Comics  
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Mrs. Barclay Warburton, of Philadelphia, daughter of John Wanamaker, at the right, in the uniform adopted by the women's Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania. The severely tailored suit shows three service stripes and another indicating her rank. The hat is three-cornered, with a cockade. ♦ © KADEL & HERBERT...

Their homes again in French territory. Civilians making their way back to the villages liberated by the great English drive around Cambrai.



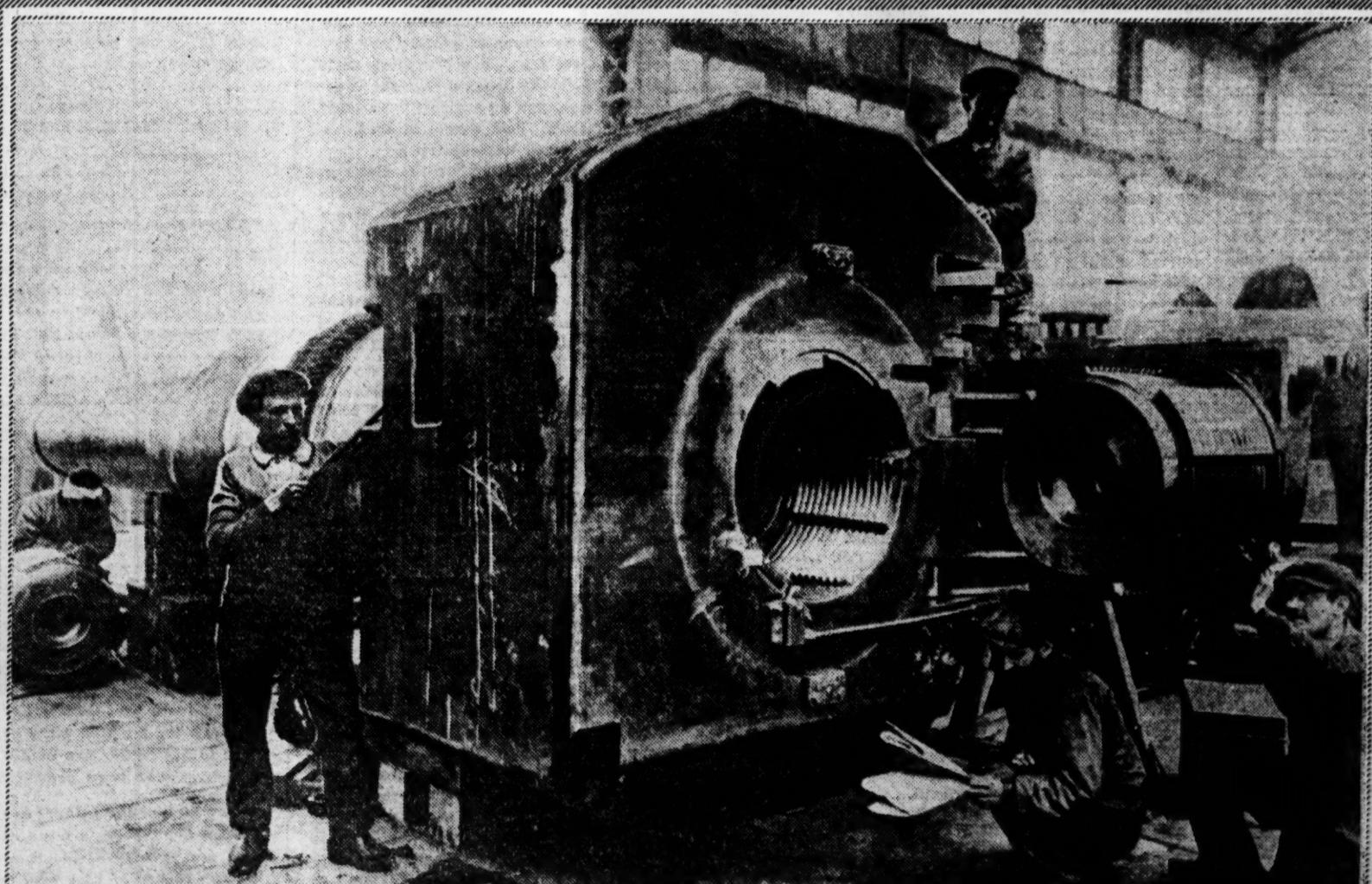
Ireland's first ambassador to the United States, Dr. Patrick McCarran, of the Sinn Feiners, who was imprisoned in New York after being arrested in Halifax charged with fraudulently obtaining a passport in the United States. ♦ © INTER. FILM. ♦



Three of the compressed air tanks used in firing Austria's new pneumatic guns. ♦

The wounded in this advanced dressing station in a dug-out near Cambrai were brought to the surface on an improvised lift operated by a windlass which German prisoners are working. ♦

She was the first woman in the history of the world to hold a Minister's Portfolio. Countess Sophie Panin, of Russia, elevated by the Revolution to the post of Assistant Minister of Social Welfare. ♦



France's "Big Bertha." This new gun measures a little over 20 inches in shell calibre and is a big improvement over the famous German 42 centimeter weapons. ♦



New portrait of Gen. Sir Julian Byng, who led the great British drive around Cambrai. ♦

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## THE POST-DISPATCH PLATFORM

I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles, that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER.

April 10, 1907.

## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Will the writer of the article protesting against the high price of coal and failure to reduce it, and against the U. S. service, either call on or communicate with the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Loyalty Shown by Negroes.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

There was no greater index to the degree of loyalty of the colored people to the nation than the manner in which these members of an emotional, race received the semi-seditious and semi-treasonous remarks of a comical actor in the Booker Washington Theater on the night of Dec. 17, 1917.

In times of peace such remarks as "Since the white man makes the laws, let him fight to protect them," "The Kaiser has done nothing to me and if he has I freely forgive him," "I will fight for my country when I find where my country is," would have been greeted with an applause so thunderous that it would have shaken the walls of Booker Washington Theater, but in these critical times, when the liberty of the nation which set the colored people free is in imminent danger, this actor's remarks were justly given a cool reception and from every part of the audience were greeted with hisses and cat cries.

If the manager of this theater is not sufficiently patriotic to "blue pencil" these remarks, which unquestionably tend to induce the colored people to treason, he at least ought to have sufficient business prudence to not offend his patrons. The national safety should not be endangered on account of internal problems.

DARRINGTON WEAVER, M. D.  
First Lieutenant M. O. C. U. S. A.

Teach Boys to Be Courteous.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Talking about seats in street cars, why is it that mothers allow their boys 10, 11 and 12 years of age, to occupy seats while women loaded down with parcels are standing? If mothers allow their children to grow up selfish and rude, is it a wonder that men almost knock women down in order to get the seats and grab them and refuse to give them up even for the aged? I don't believe in men giving up their seats for able-bodied women, but the way some men grab the seats certainly is "hogwash."

ONE WHO BELIEVES IN COURTESY.

Camp Pike Boys Want Music.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

There are many lonesome hearts in the Quartermaster's Detachment down here at Camp Pike, which would be cheered wonderfully by a small consideration from home. St. Louisans. Here are some 200 boys who have been in quarantine for the past month and a half, denied the pleasure of associating with even their comrades in camp, by this necessary precaution against the spread of disease.

There are half a dozen good piano players among this detachment of young men, who in their lonely moments could share the remainder of their comrades, did they but have some sort of a piano to exercise their talents. However, said to relate, no piano is on hand, and the evening hours drag disconsolately along, with no cheery music of any sort.

What a joy, and what a good time would be assured, had we but a piano in our barracks. Surely there must be someone in St. Louis who has an old piano which they would give to cheer these lonely hearts. The boys will gladly pay all packing and freight charges to Camp Pike. If you have such a piano, won't you please let us have it? It will help us much.

If you have a piano you could spare, kindly communicate with

BEN JACOBSON,

Camp Quartermaster,

Camp Pike, Ark.

Pro-German Restaurateurs.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

According to news items appearing in local press, several hotels and restaurants have failed to comply with the request of the United States Government to observe meatless and wheatless days. Permit me to suggest that all such unpatriotic and disloyal places of business be true to themselves and sincere with the public by placing large and conspicuous signs or placards in front of their places reading as follows: "We are pro-German and are helping the Kaiser all we can to win this war."

If the Government will publish the names of all such restaurants and hotels, I am sure that the loyal Americans in St. Louis will be only too pleased to patronize other eating places. GEORGE E. MIX.

## MR. HOOVER'S ANSWER.

The most important point in Food Administrator Hoover's statement, which was suppressed by Chairman Reed of the Senate Investigating Committee and released for publication by President Wilson, is the affirmation that there is a shortage of available sugar and the shortage will continue during next year.

Mr. Hoover brands the reports that there will be a plentiful supply of sugar when the new crop is marketed as insidious to the interests of the allies and dangerous to our cause. Additional sugar might be obtained from Java and other distant places, but only at a costly sacrifice of shipping needed for the transport of American soldiers and war supplies to Europe. The diversion of these ships would greatly impair our transport resources required for European shipments and thus menace war success.

The resources of America must be drawn upon to supply the meager sugar rations of our European allies and keep their armies efficient for warfare on the front.

This warning is of more value than anything that Senator Reed's committee has brought out. Claus Spreckels, whose disgruntlement over the loss of sugar profits has been exposed, was the witness who brought the most serious charge—that of dealing with the Sugar Trust to its advantage. Mr. Hoover admits that he made voluntary agreements with the Sugar Trust and other sugar refiners. He had no power to enforce restrictions; but he shows that the agreements were advantageous in keeping profits within a reasonable range and holding down prices. In short, the Food Administrator asserts that the best possible arrangement was made with the sugar men, including the Cuban sugar interests, to maintain production by reasonable profits and to keep prices down.

The Post-Dispatch has published in substance the statement of George H. Earle, head of the great independent sugar refining company of Philadelphia, justifying Mr. Hoover's work and denying the fact and force of Spreckels' statements. He says that the action of the Food Administration has kept sugar prices, which would otherwise have soared, to a reasonable level. It has cut sugar profits, but has not strangled the sugar interests. He asserts that the opposition to Mr. Hoover's action is confined to sugar refiners who resent the check on sugar profiteering.

View of Senator Reed's attitude of bitter hostility towards Mr. Hoover and the Food Administration, Mr. Hoover's resentment of his treatment by the Senator is justified. Senator Reed started into the investigation with the plain intention of proving that Hoover's work was a failure and that his (Reed's) bitter opposition to food and fuel control and his prophecies of disaster have been vindicated.

It was a great mistake to put the sugar investigation into the hands of Senator Reed. It started with the brand of unfairness and animosity. The people want the truth, not a mess of personal prejudices and politics.

## THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

The year 1918 is certain to be a critical one for America and the rest of the world. The United States has assumed a vast burden, and it will take the co-operation of all of its people to carry it along. Every American should make these resolutions this New Year's eve:

I will do all in my power to support the war activities of my country, even should it necessitate great sacrifice on my part.

I will at all times put the national welfare above personal gain, personal feelings or personal comfort.

I will consider no hours too long, no work too disagreeable, no labor too burdensome, if it will help my country win the war.

I will gladly go to the trenches or send my son, or my brother, or my relatives there if the country calls.

I will observe all restrictions on food and drink and luxuries imposed by those in authority.

I will not talk about military matters or other important information that may come to my knowledge even in the presence of friends, for I know that there are in this country those who are in the pay of Germany.

I will help the country financially as far as I am able by buying thrift stamps, liberty bonds and war certificates, in order that the money may be available for our immense war program.

I will neither hoard money nor feed less my neighbors and my country suffer by my acts.

I will strive to be a patriot in every sense of the word, regardless of all other considerations.

## THE EMBARGO STRANGLE HOLD.

It is easier to understand Denmark's exultation over the release of cargoes, held in American ports, but consigned to Danish owners when one gets at the exact figures of how our embargo has slowly strengthened its strangle hold about Germany and the neutral countries which have been re-selling American products to Germany. Statistics compiled in England show it has been even more effective than most of us had imagined.

In 1911, 1912 and 1913, according to the Manchester Guardian, America exported an average of \$82,000 tons of fodder and cereals each month to Holland and the Scandinavian countries. Exportation for last September amounted to only 25,000 tons. Oils and fats dropped from 46,000 tons in January, 1917, to 22,500 tons in September. Cotton exports in the same time dropped from 5500 tons to 2300 tons.

The 1916 monthly average of 1900 tons of hides and leather has become only 440 tons a month, while 500 tons for September this year stand against an average of 2700 tons a month in 1911-13.

Inasmuch as all these things have to be imported by the neutral countries of Northern Europe and as the United States is practically the only source of supply open to them, they are compelled to come to our terms. These terms are simple. They are only that none of these articles be re-exported to Germany. Naturally there has been a great howl by Scandinavian and Dutch profiteers who have prospered boundlessly through Germany's desperate needs and its willingness to pay almost any price for whatever materials could be obtained. Our own interests in the matter, however, are imperative.

It can be taken for granted that some satisfactory arrangement had been reached before the ships that have just been released were permitted to sail.

## KAISER'S REVIEW OF 1917.

The plan credited to the Kaiser is that a meeting of the sovereigns and regents of Europe to consider terms of peace shall be called in the event that the negotiations with the Bolsheviks are successful is so reminiscent of Hohenzollern habits of thought that its authenticity must be believed.

As futile as the Congress of Vienna or the Congress of Berlin would be another meeting of the same sort to formulate permanent terms for ending the war. A peace obtained through such an agency has already been stigmatized by President Wilson as precisely the kind of peace the allies do not want.

Outside of the Central Powers the sovereigns of Europe are no longer the spokesmen of their countries. The peace of the people will be arranged at a gathering in which the representatives of the people will sit with plenary power.

A like interesting illustration of Hohenzollern mental processes is the Kaiser's speech on the western front, linking up the Verdun failure with the success of German aims in Russia and Italy. What did the most tremendous military debacle of modern times have to do with the campaign of intrigue and bribery carried on against the Russians.

Germany set out to crush France, paid the appalling price and suffered a fearful defeat. It was shown that her most elaborate organization of armies, munitions and guns could not avail to reach a decision in the west. The only "tactical and strategical connection" which the collapse there has is a connection with the ultimate collapse of Prussianism that must come before the fighting can cease. It has no connection with the results on the Russian front, where other agencies were employed.

No tributes to German arms can be drawn from results in Russia during 1917. The secret propaganda of Prussianism is the instrument that should have been exalted by the Kaiser. What was accomplished there, by enabling men to be released, made possible what was accomplished in Italy.

The crushing of Belgium did not end the war. The overrunning of Northern France did not end it. The fall of Serbia and the defeat inflicted on Romania did not end it. And no German triumph around the council table at Brest-Litovsk can end it. The German people's progressive sense of the manifest futility of all their sacrifices, of the hollowness of repeated costly movements proclaimed as great victories, was what the Kaiser was trying to combat in his vainglorious summaries of the year's achievements.

The rearrangement of lines and the introduction of new factors and new conditions make it seem as if the war were beginning all over again, as if it were a new war just starting, rather than that peace is close at hand. We must not forget that it starts with the allies prepared instead of unprepared and possessing a wealth in military assets greater than that of Germany three years ago, while that of Germany herself has declined during those fateful years.

## A RAILROAD CONSCIENCE.

It may be that a corporation has no soul, but that at least one corporation has a fairly serviceable substitute for a soul is shown by the confession of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. through its president, Milton S. Smith, of its culpability in the matter of the Shepherdsville, Ky., wreck, and its declaration of readiness to make restitution in so far as restitution is possible. When an individual does that sort of thing the soul of him is credited with it. It does not matter much what name is given to the something within the Louisville & Nashville corporation which has moved it to this action. It functions very like a soul.

It does not detract from the fine quality of the confession and proffer of restitution that the guilt of the company is obvious. It is still an outstanding action. The guilt of corporations is very often obvious but it is not often that liability is acknowledged as is now done. The usual thing is for the guilty corporation to assert its innocence to the last ditch and make restitution only when the utmost endeavor to evade liability has been exerted in vain.

The Shepherdsville wreck was frightful. Individual responsibility has not been fixed, but it appears to be another instance of the failure of the human factor. It may even be found that the guilt is more than individual and that the company, through failure, to take every precaution which was in its power as a company to take, has incurred moral as well as legal accountability, but it may safely be said, in the light of President Smith's statement to the public, that the company would have been glad to expend for preventing the disaster many times what it will have to pay in damages.

## MR. FRANCIS AND THE BOLSHEVIKI.

Much abused as the phrase has been, St. Louisans who are best acquainted with Ambassador Francis are still convinced of the inherent truth of the sporting maxim that class will tell. Bolsheviks may think the American diplomat is in a hard job explaining his interest in Col. Anderson's order diverting ambulances to the Consecracy country, but we who know him best are not at all alarmed.

There may have been serious differences of opinion with him regarding local matters in the past, but nobody ever accused him of undue weakness in those sections of the brain set apart for the cognitive faculties. Not knowing Col. Anderson very well, we may be pardoned for concluding that he mightn't have known what he was at, but it would be hard to convince us that our former Governor was not at all times and in all places in constant knowledge of his own whereabouts. It might not be impossible to recall instances in which others were uncertain as to where the distinguished Missionary should be placed, but nobody pretended that he himself had any doubts about the matter.

If Ambassador Francis says he can set matters straight, that settles it.

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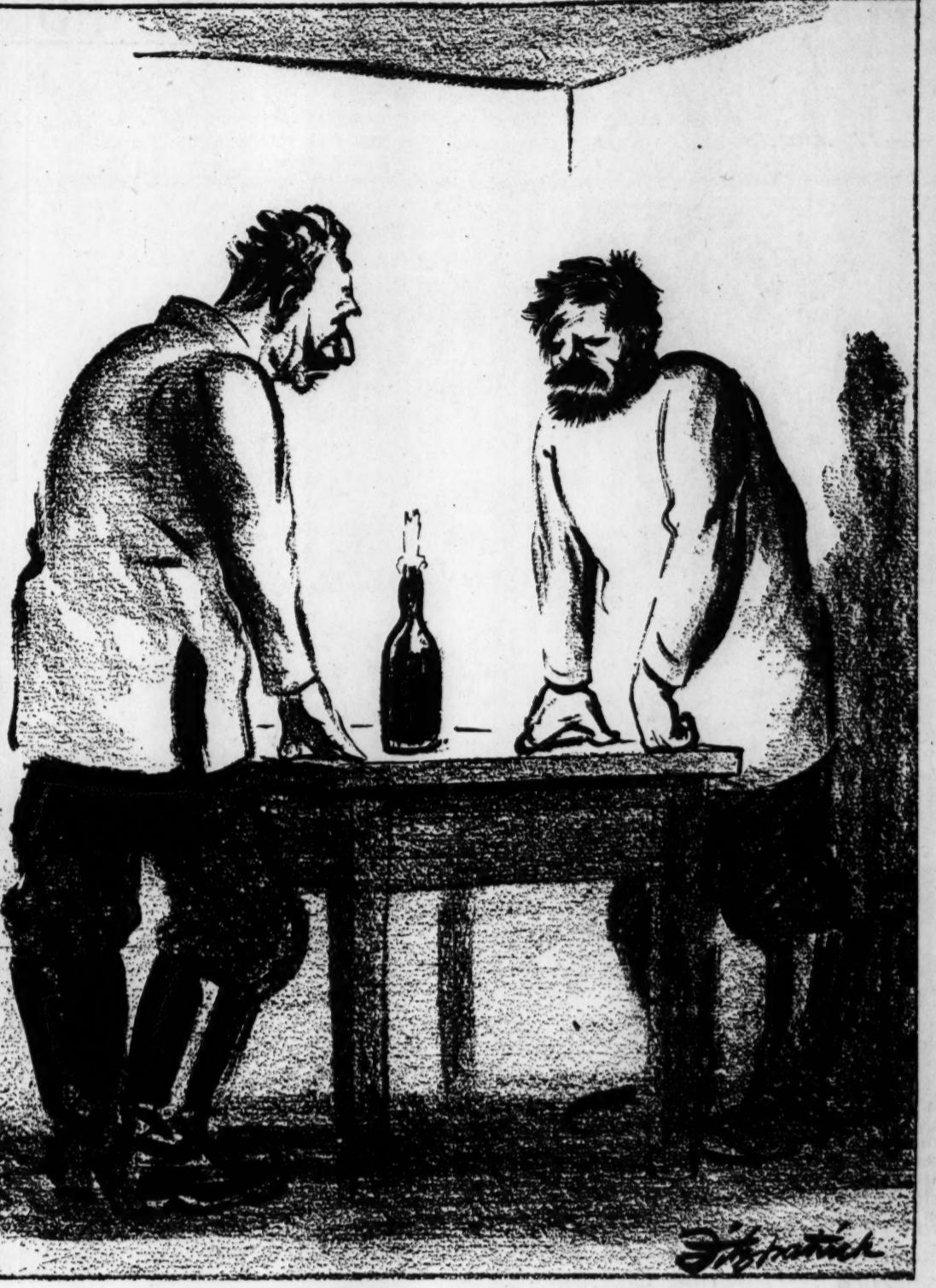
Now which of the fathers are the proudest today Of the boys, there's none can tell, The one who greets once more his son, Or the father of him who fell.

The one who clasps again his own

The one who holds to his breast

The medal of honor awarded too late

To be laid with the hero at rest.



ALL THINGS TO ALL FRONTS.

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH  
by Clark McAdams

SOCRATES ON PEACE PROPOSALS.

SOCRATES: It is very strange that the Germans do not see the great political opportunity they have just now. It has been pointed out to them again and again by thinking men in this and almost every other country, and it seems incredible that they should not avail themselves of it. You know what Germany has to think of now perhaps even more than her immediate military plans is the position in which she will find herself after the war.

It is not possible for her to go on the way she is going without finding herself a pariah among nations, one with whom the world will not trade or have anything whatsoever to do. Grave warnings are being uttered by the world's leading statesmen.

Polemarchus: If the Kaiser had you for his chancellor, you wouldn't be on the job thirty days before you would have him walking around behind you holding up the tail of your fur coat.

Socrates: That is sweet of you, Polemarchus. Now let us disabuse anyone of the notion that we are disloyal by looking for spies.

Euryalus: Every wab has its profiteers, even as this one has.

After the Civil War the North was full of rich people who had made their money in this way. We began with condemning them and speaking of them contemptuously as patriots, but it was not very long before we were all hard at work trying to marry our poor children to their rich children.

Polemarchus: If that dream is dead, no where more so than in the Wilhelmstrasse.

Socrates: Very well. Then what the Germans should do is to seize their opportunity to rehabilitate themselves in the eyes of the world. I have here a set of peace proposals the Kaiser might draw up for the purpose of rising to this occasion.

Thrasymachus: Let's hear them.

Socrates: Here they are. We find in the preamble a defense of Germany's militarism and her swift onset to war having as their justification her dread of Russia. We must expect that, and to a degree sympathize with it. Any rate, it is not something over which to h

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**SOUTH AMERICA.**

Science Monitor.  
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closed. One of his principal  
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has asked the Chamber of  
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on Observer.

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new Plymouth, the Amer-

after 300 years, is in Paris

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Glorious for France in

significance of the American

Philippines Move In.

Evening Post.

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shows this displacement go-

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YESTERDAY

## Hooverizing Women's Dress Styles, or

### Plan of "High Below and Low Above,"

#### Will Conserve 25 Per Cent in Cloth



It's Marvellous the Amount of Female Impedimenta That Can Be Lost From the Average Woman's Dress Without Departing From the Original Idea of Clothes.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

F LORA MACFLIMSY, with "nothing to wear," would seem to be the sartorial ideal set up for patriotic women by the Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense.

Aided by M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, the members of the board have succeeded in Hooverizing the models prepared by Parisian modistes for the American trade in 1918. It is announced that reformation in women's dress styles for the coming year has resulted in a saving of 25 per cent of material, particularly woolen cloth, and the diversion of a large part of the ordinary civilian supply to the military.

The Commercial Economy Board abstains from stating just what special abbreviations, omissions, elisions it has suggested for feminine apparel in these United States. One daring guess is that the coming frocks will be "high below and low above."

UNLESS we revert frankly to the knee-length skirt and daintily bodiced of Diana and her hunting nymphs—so chilly costume, with winter here!—I fall to see how we can take even a little bit off the top or off the skirt hem. For two or three seasons the upper part of the body has been evolving from the concept of what may be described truthfully as a belt. The skirts now seen in the streets of St. Louis have caused, presumably, scandalized bootmakers to construct the highest boots ever worn by feminine humanity—and even they are not high enough.

No, for the best of reasons—two to a woman—skirts cannot be any shorter than they are now, nor can decollete dip to a lower level. Must we, therefore, in despit not reduce in what we wear, and therefore not increase the visible cloth supply for the soldiers?

"Don't worry," replied Mrs. Hunter. "You could go through France without being kidnapped. The war will have to last a few hundred years longer before there'll be war again."

"But, dear, you promised me you wouldn't go to war."

"Yes, but the Government doesn't know about that promise and at that they're likely to treat it with silent contempt. You can't claim exemption on the ground that you promised your wife not to fight you know."

"I think you want to go to war," replied Mrs. Hunter. "I'd never been there or the suburbs."

"What'll happen to me if you go?" "You can go to work in a munition factory. Gee, I'm tired."

Mary knitted in silence a bit. A tear dropped on the half-finished sweater. Hunter's heavy breathing caused her to look up. He was asleep.

Mary tiptoed from the room and returned with a blanket, which she placed gently over her husband. "Poor boy," she murmured. "You're so tired."

Then she turned out the light and silently left the room.

Next week—"The Girl Quits."

W HAT did he want?" asked Hunter when his wife returned to the living room.

"The doll fell out of his hand."

"And I suppose you gave it to him, didn't you? You're just spoiling the kid to death. I suppose I wanted a knife or a shotgun you gave him them."

"If you don't like the way I'm raising up my son!"

"Oh, son," interrupted Hunter. "It might give the matter a bit of your own attention. You could look at the baby. You home, eat and go to sleep. I don't think you know what the baby looks like. Other fathers?"

"Listen here," interrupted Hunter. "I provide you with a girl to all the work so that you can give your time to the baby. That's our business and your exclusive business. If you don't feel capable of shouldering the responsibility get your governess."

You might show a little interest your son!"

"I'm showing a lot; more than you are probably, but I don't have print advertisements in the paper. It will bring it back to its natural color. I love my child. True love is thousands of women are doing it perfectly, naturally, safely, and without any one knowing it. Is not dye—your money back at your dealer's if not satisfactory. Always ask for and get

"Do you mean—"

"I don't mean anything. Let's

Be young looking

It's not necessary to have gray or faded hair when Hay's Hair Health will bring it back to its natural color. I love my child. True love is thousands of women are doing it perfectly, naturally, safely, and without any one knowing it. Is not dye—your money back at your dealer's if not satisfactory. Always ask for and get

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## HOOVER RECIPES

Contributed by the Women's Central Committee on Food Conservation.

Oatmeal Cookies.  
1/4 cup Mazola oil, Crisco or oleo,  
2 whole eggs.  
1 cup brown sugar,  
1 cup seeded raisins,  
1 level teaspoon soda,  
2 cups rolled oats,  
1 cup white flour.  
Drop on greased pan and bake in moderate oven.

Oatmeal Macaroons.  
Cream 1 level tablespoonful olio with 1/4 cup brown sugar; add 1 egg, 1 1/2 level cups raw rolled oats, 1 level teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoonful yeast powder. Drop from spoon and bake in quick oven.

Honey Cakes.  
1 pound honey,  
1 pound flour,  
1 pound butter.  
3 oz almonds, ground with the brown skin; the grated rind of 1/2 a lemon.  
1 teaspoonful ground cloves,  
1 level teaspoon soda,  
1 tablespoonful each of lemon juice and water.

Some molasses (about one-third the quantity of the honey) can be substituted for the honey.

Let the honey and olio come to a boil; add the soda and the water dissolved in the lemon juice and water removed from the fire and add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well and flour hand to about one-quarter inch thickness and cut out shapes, drop into oiling pan and remove from the oven.

Mother will use the switch," said Ted.

"Let's run away for good, then," said Tommie. "I know that switch will hurt awfully."

"We have the basket of vegetables," said Teddy, "and the woods are full of berries, and perhaps we may find some honey, too."

So off they trudged, taking the long path that led through the woods until they came to a nice shady place.

Here they sat down to eat the vegetables they should have carried home. By and by the sun began to sink in the west and Tommie and Tommie wondered where they would sleep.

"Oh! there is a nice, big hole in the tree. We can sleep in there and be safe and warm, too," said Tommie.

As a parting suggestion, let me urge that the most drastic experiments in cloth economy be practiced by the wives of men at the front. It is not merely that these women have a special personal interest in conserving cloth for the army; they also have no husbands present to scold them for not wearing enough clothes.

A "Wholesale Profiteer."

A DOLLAR a head had been promised Mike, an Irish dragoon, for every German he captured. Daybreak one morning in a front line trench somewhere in France Mike was snatching a wink or two of sleep, while Pat, No. 2 in his squad was alertly watching over the top. There was a sign of movement in the German lines, and Pat jabbed Mike with his rifle to arouse him.

"Wake up, man, they're coming!" shouted Pat.

"Who's coming?" responded Mike, rubbing his eyes.

"The Germans, to be sure. Wake up!"

"How many of them are there?"

With a quick glance toward the enemy trench, Pat shouted:

"More than a million!"

"More than a million," replied Mike. "Thank heaven; my fortune's made." —New York World.

Although there has been some attempt this season to restore the high, "choker" collar for daytime wear, most women are still clinging to the sensible, comfortable, pretty blouse with a V-shaped neck. But there is a lot of cloth wasted in collars at the back. The coachman or sailor collars on dresses, and especially on coats, have become so deep that they extend almost to the waist line. This mode is extremely unbecoming to many women, as it makes them look short-waisted and dumpy. No flat rolled-back collar need be more than two or three inches in depth.

THE FOLDS and bunches of cloth used to simulate a bustle effect never would be missed by anybody with artistic perception if the Economy Board ordered their disappearance. The overskirt in any form might well be made obsolete and also the train.

The long, full military cap doubtless is an admirable and necessary part of the equipment of certain fighting men, but it is not an essential garment in the wardrobe of ladies who never get nearer to Broadway than the subway.

And the military cap, as adapted for women's wear, takes a shocking amount of cloth. So does the long, billowy cloak. A short coat, which follows the outline of figure, may be interlined and made perfectly warm and comfortable with much less expenditure of material.

With wool at its present prices, and with the tremendous demand for it for the knitted equipment of soldiers and sailors, it seems to me that any woman might content herself with ONE sweater, so made that there is no unnecessary material in collar, pockets or sash.

Of course, if the utmost is expected

you will need a pocketbook.

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# Looks Like Those Naval Reserves Tried to Take the "Fun" Out of Funston

## WEILMAN CONFIRMS BELIEF HE CANNOT HURL NEXT SEASON

Browns' Southpaw Says He "Doubts Very Much He Can Go the Route Again."

### WOUND HAS NOT HEALED

Has Gained Weight, but Holds Slight Hope of Being Ready in 1918.

Carl Weilman has very little hope of helping the Browns in the 1918 season. In a letter to the Post-Dispatch the big southpaw says that while he weighs 205 pounds, 15 pounds more than when he left here last August, still the wound caused by the operation has not yet healed and his weight is no guarantee that he will be able to withstand the strain of pitching.

His letter bears out the statement of Field Jones, made shortly after the season closed, that he entertained small hope of Weilman being able to return to the mound next season, even if he should fully recover from the effects of the operation. It is Jones' opinion that Carlos will not be in shape to stand the strain of pitching for over a year, if at all.

### Blow to Browns.

Weilman holds out some hope, but the tenor of the letter is obviously pessimistic. It is a cruel blow to both parties, for surely Weilman had one of the most promising futures of any pitcher in the game. He had no bad habits, was always in condition and ready to work, and in 1916 was one of the most effective southpaws in the American League.

His letter follows:

HAMILTON, O. Dec. 22, 1917.

In reply to your letter asking about my condition, I hardly think you say it right definite.

At present my wound, caused by the operation, is showing some signs of encouragement, and with a little bit of fortune favoring me, New Year's may see it closed.

I am feeling much better, every session, and weigh 205 pounds, just 15 pounds more than when I left St. Louis Aug. 20, but that is no guarantee that I will be able to stand the exertion and strain of pitching.

I doubt very much if I can go the route again, but by spring things may look entirely different.

I sincerely hope I can be of some value to the St. Louis Browns, but I feel that I owe them much, particularly Mr. Ball, for the way I was treated by them after this misfortune befell me. Very truly yours,

C. E. WEILMAN.

The letter indicates plainly that Weilman will be more surprised if he is able to hurl than if he is not. In this event, the Browns will be only slightly better off in the matter of southpaws next season than they were last year, with Lyle, Eddie Plank, and the burden of Eddie both gone. The one hope of the Jones' crew is that Eddie Plank can be induced to return.

### Quinn Returns to Deals.

After the holiday interruption Bob Quinn will bend again to the task of getting new talent for the Browns. The business manager announced this morning that he had been in touch further from Miller Huggins concerning the Pratt trade, and that he expected a definite answer some time this week.

When informed of the contents of Weilman's letter, Quinn expressed his disappointment, saying that he had banked on Carl to help out next season. However, he believes some way will be found to strengthen the hurling department; in fact, Quinn said that he thinks he has accomplished through the acquisition of Gallia and Leifeld. It is barely possible that the Browns will go after another southpaw.

**President's War Time Athletic Views May Be Told at College Meet**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Many important and interesting inter-collegiate athletics during the year will be considered at the twelfth annual convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, here Friday, the program of which was made public today by Frank W. Nicoson of Western University, secretary of the organization.

It is intimated that messages as to the war-time policy of college sports will be sent to the convention by President Wilson. Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels.

At many colleges the convention's action will determine the athletic policy to be followed this spring. Among the subjects to be discussed are:

"What more can the colleges do to help win the war?" and "Reconstruction of athletics after the war."

### CHRISTMAS DAY FIGHTS.

Reading, Pa.—Jimmy Pappas beat Indian Little Bear in 10 rounds.

Little Rock—Fred Fulton lost to Tex Tate on foul in first round.

Pittsburgh—Johnny Tillman unseated Irish Paddy Clece, six rounds.

Providence, R. I.—Soldier Bartfield defeated Walter Mohr, eight rounds.

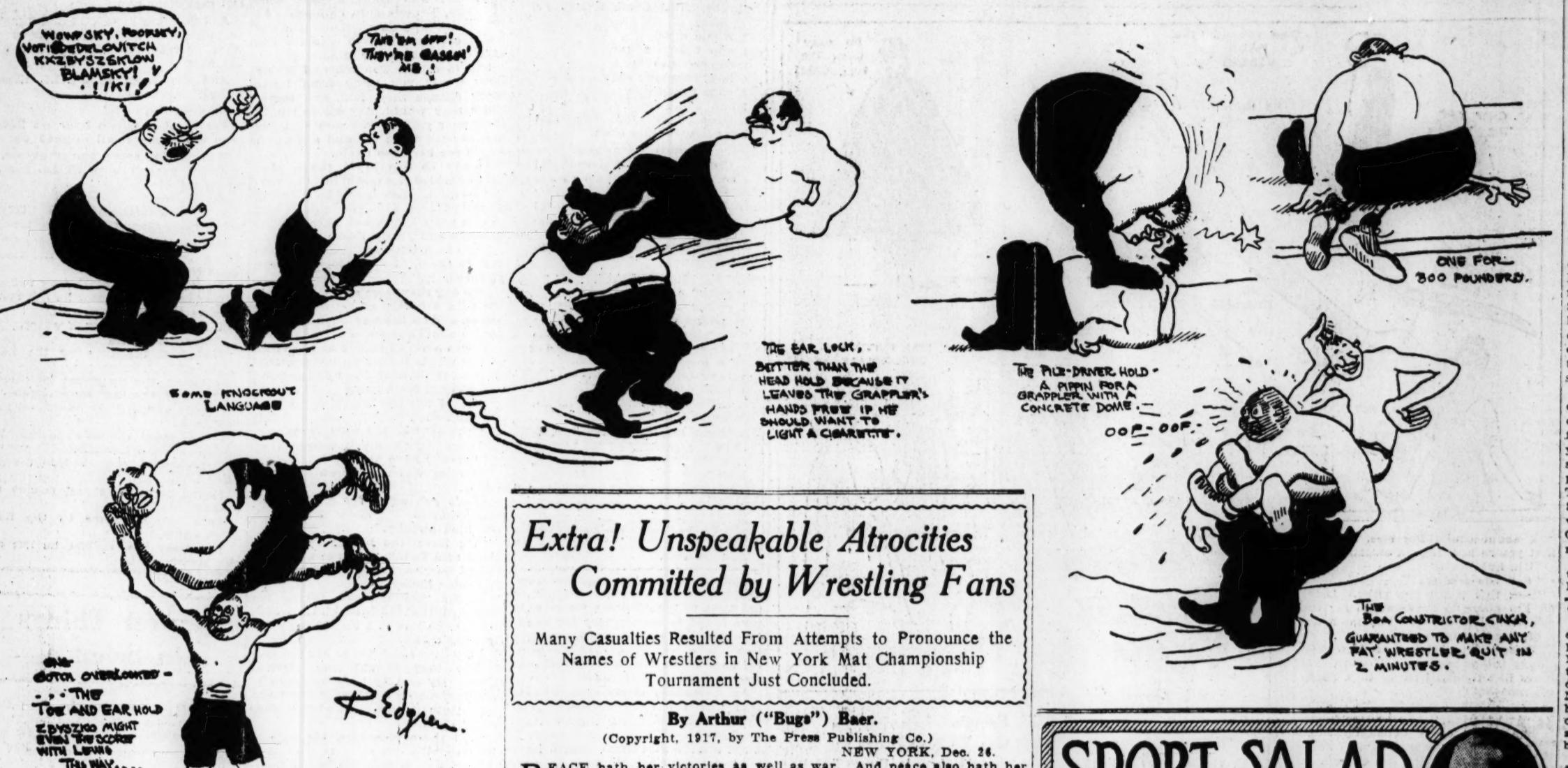
Hopewell, Pa.—Harry Grob won from Whaley Wenzel, 10 rounds.

Allentown, Pa.—Jack McCarron defeated Willie Laughlin, 10 rounds.

Lancaster, Pa.—Leib Houck won from George Ashe, six rounds.

The all-star women's quintet of Al Bell's alleys has booked two special matches at the Franklin night they will play the Washington stars on the Washington alleys on Sunday night. Bobby Byrne's famous bowlers who have bowled at Peterson's.

## New Wrestling Holds, Suggested by a View of the "Championship" Tournament—By Edgren



## Extra! Unspeakable Atrocities Committed by Wrestling Fans

Many Casualties Resulted From Attempts to Pronounce the Names of Wrestlers in New York Mat Championship Tournament Just Concluded.

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

PEACE hath her victories as well as war. And peace also hath her atrocities as well as war. In fact, even weller. The Kaiser may have the European copyright on that stuff, but there are quite a few atrocious plants blooming on this side of Mr. Atlantic's big aquarium. One of the most influential atrocious institutions in America was Jack Curley's wrestling tableau, which concluded here with the victory of Wladek Cyganiewicz (Zbyzko). Jack had apprehended every muscle merchant in the United States and conscripted 'em for his tumbling cattata.

He scoured the Canary Islands, other ear. If you are winding him up like an eight-day clock you keep on winding for eight days. No man can stand that kind of punishment on the nosebag, and this hold is a sure winner. When he kicks in from start-up you win. Don't wind him up like an alarm clock, as that will awaken the audience and you can't tell what a wrestling audience will do when its awake.

Catch-as-catch-can wrestling, as was perpetrated here in the recent tourney, was a goulash of strangling, mayhem, arson, breaking elbows, lunch time at the zoo, a week in the Dardanelles and trying to take a porous plaster off of your shoulder blade.

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**work Wins**

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first previous year, the corporation  
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Distillers' Securities has become  
practically a quasi-Government insti-  
tution for the production of immense  
quantities of alcohol for war purposes.

The company is running at capacity  
and is rolling up handsome monthly  
net earnings which, for the final quar-  
ter of 1917, will average close to  
\$1,000,000 per month.

For all of 1917, the corporation will  
probably earn a balance of between  
\$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 per month.

This would compare with a share bal-  
ance in 1916 of \$14.10 per share and of  
\$16.20 per share in 1915.

In fact, of the stock held by the  
stockholders, 20 per cent for the  
last previous year, the corporation

had never been between the  
first and second quarters.

Securities some time in

1918 should advance the dividend rate

from the \$2.82 per stock to

the present 4 per cent.

Further earnings above this

amount will be utilized for reduction

in bonded debt policy which,

the company is strongly committed.

## DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S TRADING IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(Partial) Trading today was the slowest on the Stock Exchange since the end of the regular hour. United States and the point record, to 20 points reacted to the news of rail immediately came down. P. C. O. common and preferred and minimum stocks were 1 to 2 down. Steels were 1 to 2 down. Gas and oil stocks were inactive at slight record, but the 3½ minimum support accorded them on the tentative opening of rails immediately caused a general reaction. American Gas and Oil, and the more important, General Electric, were 1 to 2 down. Gas and oil stocks were 1 to 2 down. Rail stocks ended 1 to 2 down. Gas and oil stocks were 1 to 2 down. After the kick-off, Emmett Ryan kicked it out of P. C. O. men brought it in. Magee headed the goal after taking a cross.

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team of the Navals for-  
came in play here  
Connor carried the ball  
and when Soviets  
Mulvey, the latter sent  
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New York Curb Opening.

Reported daily by Curtis-Nichols  
Investment Bankers, Messing, Boatsman & Co., 207 North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

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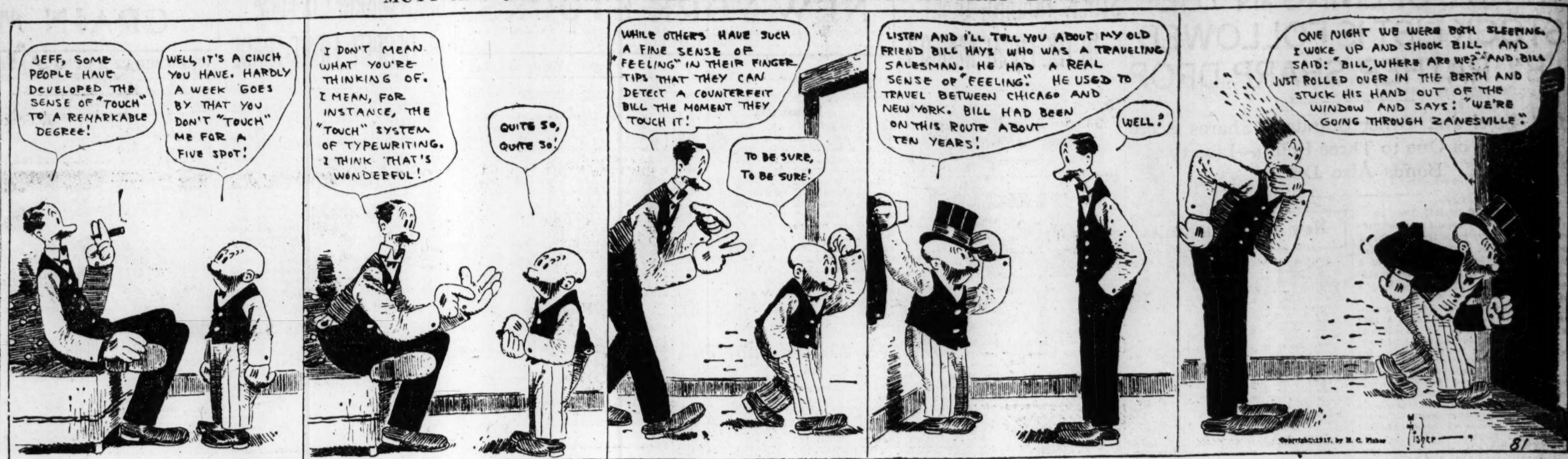
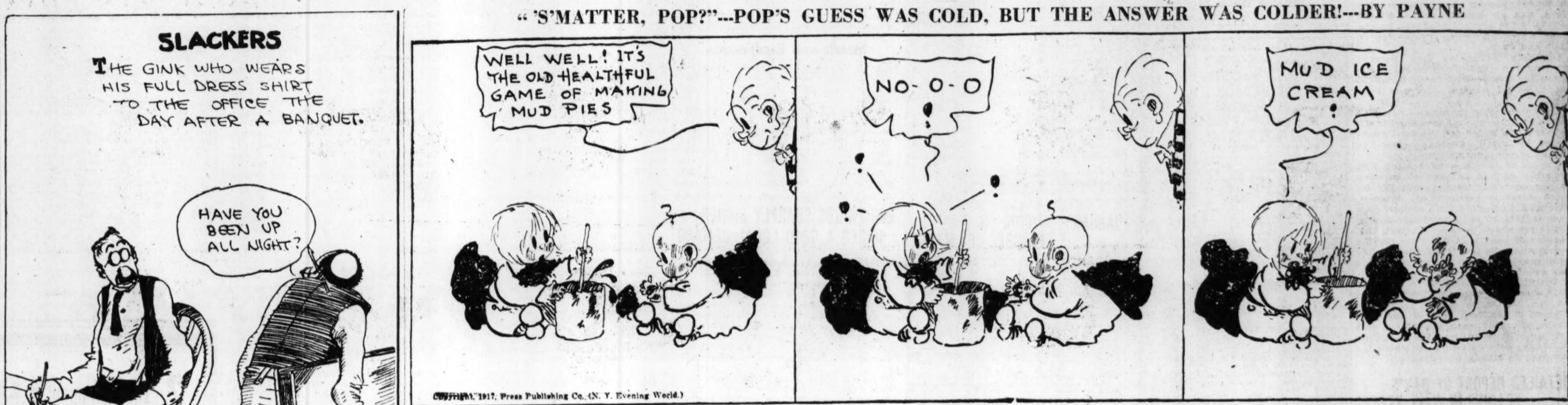
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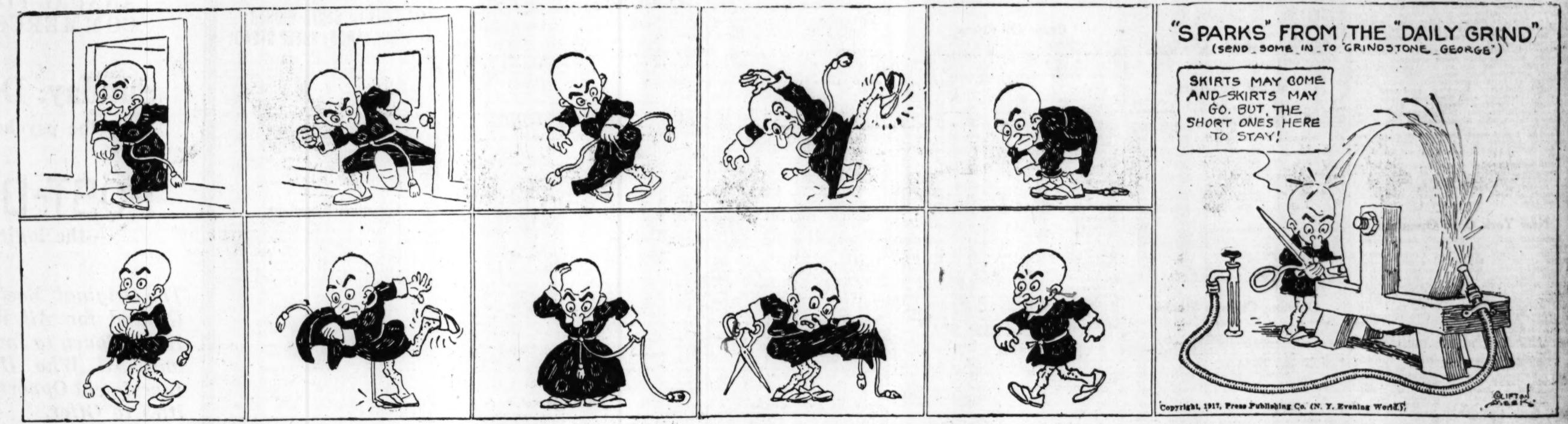
Amer. Gas & Oil, 17½; Amer. Copper, 17½;

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